

DELICATE US DIPLOMACY

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and his national security team moved delicately Thursday after the ouster of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, urging the nation to quickly return authority to a democratically elected civilian government and avoid violence. The administration declined to take



Egypt's chief justice Adly Mansour speaks at his swearing in ceremony as the nation's interim president, Thursday, July 4, 2013, taking over hours after the military ousted the Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

sides as Egypt's military installed an interim government leader.

Obama met with his national security team for briefings on their calls to Egyptian leaders and other partners in the region, National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said in a statement.

The messages from U.S. officials conveyed "the importance of a quick and responsible return of full authority to a democratically elected civilian government as soon as possible," Meehan said.

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LET FREEDOM RING



Visitors wait in line on to visit the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island in New York, July 4, 2013. The Statue of Liberty reopened to visitors on the Fourth of July months after the island was damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

(Suzanne DeChillo/The New York Times)

Statue of Liberty reopens on US Independence Day

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Statue of Liberty finally reopened on America's Independence Day months after Superstorm Sandy swamped its little island as people across the U.S. celebrated freedom and President Barack Obama urged citizens to live up to the words of the Declaration of Independence. The statue's reopening Thursday was a sign of recovery as the nation celebrated its independence in a variety of ways — from a solemn fireworks tribute to fallen firefighters to traditional parades and concerts to competitive hot dog eating.

Tighter security was common. Boston prepared to

host its first large gathering since the marathon bombing in April that killed three and injured hundreds.

In New York, a large crowd gathered for the holiday and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Liberty Island with federal officials and Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Lines stretched blocks long for the boat to the island, which left from the busy southern tip of Manhattan. "It is one of the most enduring icons of America, and we pulled it off — it's open today," National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Welcome."

The statue was spared in the October storm, but Lady Liberty's island took a serious beating. Railings broke, docks and paving

stones were torn up and buildings were flooded. The storm destroyed electrical systems, sewage pumps and boilers. Hundreds of National Park Service workers from as far away as California and Alaska spent weeks cleaning mud and debris.

Elsewhere in the city, competitive eating champions Joey Chestnut and Sonya Thomas defended their respective men's and women's titles at the 98th annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest.

In his weekly radio address, Obama urged Americans to live up to the words of the Declaration of Independence by securing liberty and opportunity for their children as well as for

future generations.

The first family was to host U.S. servicemen and women at the White House for a cookout later Thursday.

In the Arizona town that's the home of 19 elite firefighters who were killed over the weekend in a wildfire, the holiday fireworks were set to continue, despite the hot conditions. And the fire that continued to burn. The community's mantra for days has been, "celebration, not grief."

Two were killed in holiday parades in Oklahoma and Maine. In Oklahoma, a boy died after being run over by a float near the end of a parade. In Maine, the driver of a tractor in the parade was killed after the vehicle was struck by an old fire truck. □

US officials approach tumult in Egypt with caution

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The calls by Secretary of State John Kerry, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and national security adviser Susan Rice went to officials from Egypt, Israel,

the administration. Denounce the ouster of Morsi outright, and the U.S. could be accused of propping up a ruler who's lost the public's support. It's a prospect with echoes of auto-

credibility on its commitment to the democratic process. The administration is acting as if it accepts what happened in Egypt — and actually believes it could

also be concerned that in the short term, the situation could spiral out of hand, with the military using the clamoring in the streets as an excuse to confront the Muslim Brotherhood with excessive force. In bringing up U.S. aid in conversations with Egyptians, without cutting it off, the U.S. leaves itself room to escalate the situation if needed.

After Morsi was forcibly removed from office, Obama said the U.S. would "not support particular individuals or political parties," acknowledging the "legitimate grievances of the Egyptian people" while also observing that Morsi, an Islamist, won his office in a legitimate election.

"We believe that ultimately the future of Egypt can only be determined by the Egyptian people," Obama said in a statement late Wednesday. "Nevertheless, we are deeply concerned by the decision of the Egyptian armed forces to remove President Morsi and suspend the Egyptian constitution."

He notably stopped short of labeling Morsi's ouster a coup, leaving some room to navigate a U.S. law that

says the government must suspend foreign aid to any nation whose elected leader is ousted in a coup d'etat. But Obama did say he was ordering the government to assess the \$1.5 billion a year it sends to Egypt, considered to be a critical U.S. national security priority. Egyptian military leaders have assured the Obama administration that they were not interested in long-term rule. On Thursday, the supreme justice of Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court, Adly Mansour, was sworn in as interim president. On his other request, Obama appeared to have less success. Shortly after Obama issued his statement, a Muslim Brotherhood spokesman said Morsi and 12 presidential aides had been placed under house arrest. Morsi denounced his ouster as a "full coup." In portions of a CNN interview broadcast Wednesday night, the chairman of the U.S. military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, said Washington has received assurances from the Egyptian military that U.S. citizens there would be protected. □



President Barack Obama meets with members of his national security team to discuss the situation in Egypt in the Situation Room of the White House in Washington.

(AP Photo/White House Photo, Pete Souza)

Qatar, Turkey and Norway. The U.S. officials urged a transparent political process in Egypt and the avoidance of "any arbitrary arrests of President Morsi and his supporters," Meehan said.

The diplomacy highlights difficult policy choices for

crat Hosni Mubarak, whom the U.S. supported for decades before the 2011 revolution that cleared the path to power for Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood.

Look the other way, and the U.S. could be accused of fomenting dissent or lose

turn out for the best. At the same time, officials are attempting to keep their distance, laying down markers for what they want to see in the long term while leaving it up to the military to make sure that happens.

But the White House may

Mandela on life support, faces 'impending death'

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JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Nelson Mandela is being kept alive by a breathing machine and faces "impending death," court documents show.

The former president's health is "perilous," according to documents filed in the court case that resulted in the remains of his three deceased children being reburied Thursday in their original graves.

"The anticipation of his impending death is based on real and substantial grounds," the court filing said.

Mandela, who was hospitalized on June 8, remains in critical but stable condition, according to the office of President Jacob Zuma, who visited the anti-apartheid leader on Thurs-

day. The president's office also said doctors denied reports that 94-year-old Mandela is in a "vegetative state." A younger person put on mechanical ventilation — life support — can be weaned off the machine and recover, but that it can be difficult or impossible for an older person. The longer a person is on ventilation the less the chance of recovery, said the chief executive of the Faculty of Consulting Physicians of South Africa.

"It indicates a very poor prognosis for recovery because it means that he's either too weak or too sick to breathe on his own," said Dr. Adri Kok, who has no connection to Mandela's care. "Usually if a person does need that, any person, not keeping in mind his age at all, for any person

it would be indicative of a grave illness."

"When they say 'perilous' I think that would be a fair description," she said.

In Mandela's hometown, Qunu, on Thursday, the

bodies of three of his children were returned to their original resting site following the court order.

Family members and community elders attended a ceremony on the Mandela

property that included the singing of hymns. The reburial took place in Qunu, where Mandela grew up and where the former president has said he wants to be buried. □



ANC women's organization members, hold candles and chant prayers to honor former South African President Nelson Mandela in front of his house in the Soweto township, on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday, July 4, 2013. Mandela remains in a critical condition in a hospital in Pretoria.

(AP Photo/Muhammed Muheisen)



Members of the Centennial Initial Attack Fire Crew, from Island Park, Idaho, pay their respects at a memorial outside the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew fire station, Thursday, July 4, 2013, in Prescott, Ariz. Nineteen firefighters from Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew were killed battling a wildfire near Yarnell, Ariz., Sunday.

(AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

Arizona town remembers the 4th, fallen firefighters

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PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — They remembered the Fourth, but also the 19.

At Bistro St. Michael on Whiskey Row in this old West town, 19 candles burned beneath red, white and blue bunting, one for each firefighter killed last weekend battling a wildfire not far from the place they called home.

In a quiet neighborhood near the high school, which at least five of them attended, 19 miniature U.S. flags were planted in front yards, each pole tied with the purple ribbon that commemorates fallen firefighters.

At the makeshift memorial on the fence that wrapped around the elite Hotshots firefighting team's headquarters, people left 19 potted plants, 19 pinwheels, 19 handwritten cards, 19 religious candles.

On a day meant to ponder the nation's birth, and those who built and defended it over 237 years, Prescott's residents had 19 of their neighbors, their friends, their relatives to remember.

"I just wanted to thank them and let them know that they're heroes and that they're missed," said Susan Reynolds, who hung a piece of fabric with an expression of thanks on a string of panels that hung like a prayer flag on the fence.

Away from the celebrations, public memorials and the fireworks planned for later Thursday, some of the fallen firefighters' families were quietly trying to come to terms with their own personal loss. Occasionally, relatives would emerge to speak about the fallen.

"There's no celebration today," said Laurie McKee, whose 21-year-old nephew, Grant McKee, died in the fire. "We're doing OK, but it's still up and down." McKee's father and aunt picked up items recovered from his truck on Wednesday night, and were comforted when the fire chief told them that Grant McKee had been part of "the Navy Seals of firefighting," his aunt said. His family was planning to spend the day at home, visiting with relatives flying in for his funeral. Initial autopsy results re-

leased Thursday showed the firefighters died from burns, carbon monoxide poisoning or oxygen deprivation, or a combination of the factors. Their bodies, which are in Phoenix for the autopsies, were expected to be taken 75 miles northwest to Prescott on Sunday. Each firefighter will be in a hearse, accompanied by motorcycle escorts, honor guard members and American flags.

A memorial service planned for Tuesday is expected to draw thousands of mourners, including firefighters' families.

The Hotshots crew had deployed Sunday to what was thought to be a manageable lightning-caused forest fire near the small town of Yarnell, about 60 miles from Phoenix. Violent winds fueled the blaze and trapped the highly trained firefighters, most of them in the prime of their lives. The Hotshots deployed their fire shelters, which can briefly protect people from flames, but only the crew's lookout survived.

The nation's biggest loss of firefighters since 9/11, Sunday's tragedy raised ques-

tions of whether the usual precautions would have made any difference in the face of triple-digit temperatures, erratic winds and dry conditions that caused the fire to explode. A team of forest managers and safety experts is investigating what went wrong and plan to release initial findings by the weekend.

Nearly 600 firefighters continue to fight the blaze, and officials expected it to be up to 85 percent contained by Thursday night. The fire has destroyed more than 100 homes and burned about 13 square miles. Yarnell remained evacuated, but authorities hope to allow residents back in by Saturday.

Meanwhile, Prescott officials were working to retool the city's traditional over-the-top celebration in the wake of the tragedy. They plan to still shoot off fireworks despite tinder-dry conditions as the community of 40,000 tries to mourn its dead without compromising its history. The mantra for days has been celebration, not grief.

Fire officials say they will be able to deploy the py-

rotechnics safely, pouring water on the detonation area if necessary.

Across town from the July Fourth carnival, the wife of the Hotshots leader and founder spoke publicly about her husband, Eric Marsh, for the first time since his death.

"Eric was 90 percent a Granite Mountain Hotshot, and the 10 percent was left for us," Amanda Marsh said.

Greg Fine, whose daughter Leah had been engaged to McKee, circled the memorial at the Hotshots headquarters, taking photos of the tributes to the man who was to be his son-in-law.

On his shirt, he wore a laminated photo of McKee with his daughter, who was grinning with short bleach blond hair. They had been engaged for 1 1/2 years. Fine said his daughter is avoiding the crowds. She and her father plan to spend the afternoon with McKee's family at home.

"We're going to probably laugh and cry and have something to eat, and then laugh and cry some more," he said. □

GOP facing tough choices on Voting Rights Act

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ATLANTA (AP) — When the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights act last week, it handed Republicans tough questions with no easy answers over how, and where, to attract voters even GOP leaders say the party needs to stay nationally competitive. The decision caught Republicans between new-found state autonomy that conservatives covet and the law's popularity among minority, young and poor voters who tend to align with Democrats. It's those voters that Republicans are eyeing to expand and invigorate the GOP's core of older, white Americans. National GOP Chairman Reince Priebus began that effort well before the court's decision by promising, among other initiatives, to hire non-white party activists to engage directly with black and Latino voters. Yet state and national Republicans reacted to the Voting Rights Act deci-

sion with a flurry of activity and comments that may not fit neatly into the national party's vision.

Congressional leaders must decide whether to try to rewrite the provision the court struck, but it's not clear how such an effort would fare in the Democratic-led Senate and the GOP-controlled House. And at the state level, elected Republicans are enacting tighter voting restrictions that Democrats blast as harmful to their traditional base of supporters and groups the Republicans say they want to attract.

States like North Carolina and Virginia provide apt examples of the potential fallout. An influx of non-whites have turned those Republican strongholds into battlegrounds in the last two presidential elections, and minority voters helped President Barack Obama win both states in 2008 and Virginia again in 2012. Nationally, Republican Mitt Romney lost among African-Americans

by about 85 percentage points and Latinos by about 44 percentage points, margins that virtu-

ally ensure a Democratic victory. Yet presidential math doesn't necessarily motivate Republicans

who control statehouses and congressional districts in states most affected by the Voting Rights Act. of federal authority. Against that backdrop, Southern Republicans celebrated Chief Justice John



Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks in Grapevine, Texas. When the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights act last week, it handed Republicans tough questions with no easy answers over how, and where, to attract voters even GOP leaders say the party needs to stay nationally competitive.
(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

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Core GOP supporters in the region react favorably to voter identification laws and broad-based critiques

Roberts' opinion that effectively frees all or parts of 15 states with a history of racial discrimination from having to get advanced federal approval for any election procedure.

The so-called "preclearance" provision anchored the law that Congress renewed four times since its 1965 passage as the crowning achievement of the civil rights movement for black Americans. The law contains an "opt-out" provision that allowed a jurisdiction to ask a federal court for release from preclearance if it has established a record of non-discrimination. Roberts said that process — never used successfully by an entire state — wasn't enough.

"The court recognized that states can fairly design our own (district) maps and run our own elections without the federal government," Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said in a statement. Citizens can still sue to overturn state laws, but they'll likely have to prove discrimination after the fact, rather than local authorities having to convince federal officials in advance that a law wouldn't discriminate. □

US industry panning Obama's climate change push

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BOW, N.H. (AP) — President Barack Obama's push to fight global warming has triggered condemnation from the U.S. coal industry across the industrial Midwest, where state and local economies depend on the health of an energy sector facing strict new pollution limits. But such concerns stretch even to New England, an environmentally focused region that long has felt the effects of drifting emissions from Rust Belt states.

Just ask Gary Long, the president of the Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, the state's largest electric company.

Long says the president's plan to impose limits on carbon dioxide emissions suddenly raises questions about the fate of the state's two coal-fired power plants, electricity rates for millions of customers

and the ability to find new energy sources. And he also notes that New England has already invested billions of dollars in cleaner energy, agreed to cap its own carbon pollution and crafted plans to import Canadian hydroelectric power. "New Hampshire's always been ahead of the curve," he says. "Does no good deed go unpunished?" Long raised those concerns in the days after Obama launched a major second-term drive to combat climate change, bypassing Congress by putting limits for the first time on carbon pollution from new and existing power plants.

At the core of his plan are controls on power plants that emit carbon dioxide — heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming.

Obama said the changes would reduce domestic carbon dioxide emissions by 17 percent between

2005 and 2020 and "put an end to the limitless dumping of carbon pollution." The program also is to boost renewable energy production on federal lands, increase efficiency standards and prepare communities to deal with higher temperatures.

While the specific impact of Obama's plans varies from region to region, energy industry officials across the nation warn of likely plant closures and electricity rate spikes, illustrating the practical and political challenges Obama faces while balancing the nation's tepid economic recovery with an issue he says has dire implications for the planet's future. Republican leaders, many still skeptical of the existence of man-made climate change, have seized on the potential short-term economic impact of what some call the president's "war on coal" to criticize him and fellow Democrats.

The coal industry has been the most vocal opponent of the plan aside from Republican leaders and coal-state Democrats. Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat, described the president's policies last week as a "war on America." But Obama's move was considered long overdue by environmentalists, a vocal segment of the Democratic Party base frustrated by Obama's lack of progress on climate change. "In New Hampshire, we've been waiting for this," said Catherine Corkery, chapter director for the New Hampshire Sierra Club.

She described the industry concerns over plant closures and rates increases as "shortsighted," predicting that thousands of new jobs focused on green energy development would replace those lost if fossil fuel plants are forced to close. □

SF Bay area rail strike continues on 4th of July



Commuters wait in traffic on Interstate 80 and 580 on approach to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in Oakland, Calif.

(AP Photo/Ben Margot)

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Strike weary San Francisco Bay area commuters are getting a reprieve from crammed buses and bumper-to-bumper traffic thanks to the Fourth of July holiday as rail workers begin their fourth day of a walkout Thursday.

No agreement was announced as negotiations between Bay Area Rapid Transit agency officials and its two largest labor unions went late into the night Wednesday. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that talks adjourned but would resume later Thurs-

day.

Both sides indicated progress was made during an overnight session a day earlier, but another day passed with no agreement announced.

Key issues in the labor dispute involving the nation's fifth-largest rail system include salaries, pensions, health care and safety.

Both sides hoped the ongoing talks would hasten an agreement that could get the trains running again.

The strike, however, continues to cause stress and frustration in the region. Commuters were delayed and forced to cram onto ferries and buses, or wait for

the transit agency's charter buses at five locations.

BART serves more than 400,000 commuters each weekday. The strike began early Monday after talks broke off. Negotiations resumed Tuesday as political pressure and public pleas mounted.

The governor's office sent two of the state's top mediators — the chair of the Public Employment Relations Board and the chief of the State Mediation and Conciliation Service — to facilitate further talks.

A letter from the state controller, lieutenant governor and insurance commissioner said the strike has

caused "widespread personal hardship and severe economic disruption," and it noted they were disappointed "about the lack of productive proposals and counterproposals in the days leading up to the strike."

BART has said union train operators and station agents average about \$71,000 in base salary and \$11,000 in overtime annually. The workers also pay a flat \$92 monthly fee for health insurance.

BART travels through the farthest reaches of San Francisco's densely populated eastern suburbs to San Francisco International Airport across the bay. With 44 stations in four counties and 104 miles of lines, the

trains handle more than 40 percent of commuters coming from the East Bay to San Francisco, area transportation officials said. To aid commuters, BART has extended the hours of carpool lanes and added ferries and buses.

The unions — which represent nearly 2,400 train operators, station agents, mechanics, maintenance workers and professional staff — want a 5 percent raise each year over the next three years.

BART said it is offering an 8 percent salary increase over the next four years as well as reducing the amount of employee contributions it originally requested for pension and medical benefits. □

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Résumé shows that Snowden honed his hacking skills

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In 2010, while working for a National Security Agency contractor, Edward J. Snowden learned to be a hacker.

He took a course that trains security professionals to think like hackers and understand their techniques, all with the intent of turning out "certified ethical hackers" who can better defend their employers' networks.

But the certification, listed on a résumé Snowden later prepared, would also have given him some of the skills he needed to rummage undetected through NSA computer systems and gather the highly classified surveillance documents that he leaked last month, security experts say.

Snowden's résumé, which has not been made public and was described by people who have seen it, provides a new picture of how his skills and responsibilities expanded while he worked as an intelligence contractor. Although federal officials offered only a

vague description of him as a "systems administrator," the résumé suggests that he had transformed himself into the kind of cybersecurity expert the NSA is desperate to recruit, making his decision to release the documents even more embarrassing to the agency.

"If he's looking inside U.S. government networks for foreign intrusions, he might have very broad access," said James A. Lewis, a cyberspecialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "The hacker got into the storeroom."

In an age when terabytes of data can be stashed inside palm-size devices, the new details about Snowden's training and assignments underscore the challenges the NSA faces in recruiting a new generation of free-spirited computer experts with diverse political views.

Snowden, who is now marooned at an airport in Moscow waiting to see if another country will grant him asylum, has said he leaked the documents to alert the public to the

sweeping nature of the U.S. government's surveillance. He took a job as an "infrastructure analyst" with Booz Allen Hamilton in April at an NSA facility in Hawaii, he has said, to gain access

the NSA with Dell, the computer maker, which has intelligence contracts. Little has been reported about his four years with Dell, but his résumé, as described, says he rose from supervi-

common career pattern, officials say.

Whatever his role, Snowden's ability to comb through the networks as a lone wolf - and walk out the door with the docu-



This photo provided by The Guardian Newspaper in London shows Edward Snowden, who worked as a contract employee at the National Security Agency, in Hong Kong, Sunday, June 9, 2013. (AP Photo/The Guardian)

to lists of computers that the agency had hacked around the world.

Snowden prepared the résumé shortly before applying for that job, while he was working in Hawaii for

ing computer system upgrades for the spy agency in Tokyo to working as a "cyberstrategist" and an "expert in cyber counterintelligence" at several locations in the United States.

In what may have been his last job for Dell in Hawaii, he was responsible for the security of "Windows infrastructure" in the Pacific, he wrote, according to people who have seen his résumé. He had enough access there to start making contacts with journalists in January and February about disclosing sensitive information. His work for Dell may also have enabled him to see that he would have even more access at Booz Allen.

Some intelligence experts say that the types of files he improperly downloaded at Booz Allen suggest he had shifted to the offensive side of electronic spying or cyberwarfare, in which the NSA examines other nations' computer systems to steal information or to prepare attacks. The NSA's director, Gen. Keith B. Alexander, has encouraged workers to try their skills both defensively and offensively, and moving to offense from defense is a

ments on thumb drives - shows how the agency's internal security system has fallen short, former officials say.

"If Visa can call me and say, 'Are you in Dakar, Senegal?' when they see a purchase that doesn't fit my history, then we ought to be able to detect something like this," said Michael V. Hayden, a former director of the NSA and the CIA. "That continuous monitoring does not seem to have been in place."

But Michael Maloof, a software developer who supplied internal monitoring systems to private companies, said that with Snowden's training in hacking, he "would have known to keep his probes low and slow, a little bit here, a little bit there, so there was nothing to detect."

If alarms went off as he grabbed documents, Maloof said, Snowden might have been able to explain away the alerts by saying he was merely testing the protections as part of his security job.

For years, NSA officials have visited hacker gatherings to promote the agency and recruit workers. □

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For Serpico, a new conflict over woodland acres

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STUYVESANT, N.Y. - "This is my healing place," Frank Serpico said, surveying a leafy expanse of 40 or so acres he has owned in this Hudson River town since 1968.

Serpico became one of the most famous police officers in New York City history after he helped uncover one of the Police Department's most infamous corruption scandals. But it carried a price - he became a pariah inside the force, and his career ended soon after he was shot in the face in 1971 during a drug raid gone bad and fellow officers delayed calling an ambulance.

His convalescence here, a two-hour drive north of New York City, has been Serpico's second act. He wandered Europe and North America for a decade and then, in the early 1980s, built a rustic one-room cabin overlooking the Hudson and began living a monastic life in nature. But now Serpico's serenity has been broken and he finds himself battling a new nemesis: a local developer and town officials who Serpico says have ignored his complaints over

the fate of some trees and the desecration of pristine woodland.

"It's like fighting the system again," Serpico, 77, said. "Here I'm trying to enjoy my tranquility and I'm being dragged back into a world of corruption."

The developer, Frank Palladino, scoffed at what he called baseless claims made by a bitter old man who is using his celebrated name to satisfy a hunger for attention.

"He wants to be back in the limelight. He needs an ax to grind," Palladino said. "He's a lonely and unhappy man - he's like a petulant child."

Serpico's plan had been a simple one - to keep his property wild and leave it to a preservation group upon his death, possibly for use as a retreat for other whistle-blowing police officers. But his plans were upended after Palladino bought a wooded parcel next to his and bulldozed much of it to put up a luxury home.

In escalating hostilities, the two have traded insults and called each other trespassers. Serpico said he had been unable to get help from government agencies and preservation



Frank Serpico, who became one of the most famous police officers in the history of New York after he helped uncover one of the Police Department's most infamous corruption scandals, near his home in Stuyvesant, N.Y. Serpico has gotten into a dispute with a local developer whom he accuses of encroaching on his property, saying town officials had refused to take his complaints seriously because they are cozy with the developer.

(Nathaniel Brooks/The New York Times)

groups.

The land dispute validated his longstanding belief, he said, that wrongdoing still flourishes in government

and that whistle-blowers wind up being punished.

Palladino said Serpico was using his fame to harass him. "He went and filed

charges with everyone under the sun," Palladino said, "and when all was said and done, they said, 'No foul.'"

"No foul." □

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Top Brotherhood figures seized in Egypt sweep

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CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military moved swiftly Thursday against senior figures of the Muslim Brotherhood, targeting the backbone of support for ousted president Mohammed Morsi. In the most dramatic step, authorities arrested the group's revered leader from a seaside villa and flew him by helicopter to detention in the capital. With a top judge newly sworn in as interim president to replace Morsi, the crackdown poses an immediate test to the new army-backed leadership's promises to guide Egypt to democracy: The question of how to include the 83-year-old fundamentalist group.

That question has long been at the heart of democracy efforts in Egypt. Hosni Mubarak and previous authoritarian regimes banned the group, raising cries even from pro-reform Brotherhood critics that it must be allowed to participate if Egypt was to be free. After Mubarak's fall,

KEATH

the newly legalized group vaulted to power in elections, with its veteran member Morsi becoming the country's first freely elected president. Now the group is reeling

electoral mandate. The military forced Morsi out Wednesday after millions of Egyptians nationwide turned out in four days of protests demanding he be removed.

crowd outside the Rabia al-Adawiya Mosque in Cairo. "We refuse to participate in any activities with the usurping authorities," the statement said, urging Morsi supporters to

avert an "endless cycle of revenge."

The army's removal of Morsi sparked massive celebrations Wednesday night among the crowds of protesters around the country, with fireworks, dancing, and blaring car horns lasting close to dawn.

On Thursday, the extent of the Brotherhood reversal was clear. Adly Mansour, the head of the Supreme Constitutional Court, with which Morsi had repeated confrontations, was sworn in as new interim president. In his inaugural speech, aired nationwide, he said the massive anti-Morsi protests that began Sunday, June 30, had "corrected the path of the glorious revolution of Jan. 25," referring to the 2011 uprising that toppled Mubarak. To cheers from his audience, he also praised the army, police, media and judiciary for standing against the Brotherhood — all institutions that Islamists saw as full of Mubarak loyalists trying to thwart their rule.

Moreover, the constitution, which Islamists drafted and Morsi praised as the greatest in the world, has been suspended. Also, Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud, the Mubarak-era top prosecutor whom Morsi removed to much controversy, was reinstated to his post and immediately announced investigations against Brotherhood officials. Many of the Brotherhood's opponents want them prosecuted for what they say were crimes committed during Morsi's rule, just as Mubarak was prosecuted for protester deaths during the uprising against him. Over the past year, dozens were killed in clashes with Brotherhood supporters and with security forces.

But the swift moves raise perceptions of a revenge campaign against the Brotherhood.

The National Salvation Front, the top opposition political group during Morsi's presidency and a key member of the coalition that worked with the military in his removal, criticized the moves. □



Egyptians celebrate after Egypt's chief justice Adly Mansour is sworn in as the nation's interim president Thursday, July 4, 2013. Arabic reads, "bye bye Morsi." The chief justice of Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court was sworn in Thursday as the nation's interim president, taking over hours after the military ousted the Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

under a huge backlash from a public that says the Brotherhood and its Islamist allies abused their

Furious over what it calls a military coup against democracy, the Brotherhood vowed Thursday it will not work with the new leadership. It and harder-line Islamist allies called for a wave of protests on Friday, dubbing it the "Friday of Rage," vowing to escalate if the military does not back down.

There are widespread fears of Islamist violence in retaliation for Morsi's ouster, and already some former militant extremists have vowed to fight. Multiple Brotherhood officials on Thursday firmly urged their followers to keep their protests peaceful. Thousands of Morsi supporters remained massed in front of a Cairo mosque where they have camped for days, with line of military armored vehicles across the road nearby keeping watch.

"We declare our complete rejection of the military coup staged against the elected president and the will of the nation," the Brotherhood said in a statement, read by the group's senior cleric Abdel-Rahman el-Barr to the

remain peaceful. The Rabia al-Adawiya protesters planned to march on the Ministry of Defense on Friday.

The Brotherhood denounced the crackdown, including the shutdown Wednesday night of its television channel, Mistr25, its newspaper and three pro-Morsi Islamist TV stations. The military, it said, is returning Egypt to the practices of "the dark, repressive, dictatorial and corrupt ages."

A military statement late Thursday appeared to signal a wider wave of arrests was not in the offing. Spokesman Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali said in a Facebook posting that the army and security forces will not take "any exceptional or arbitrary measures" against any political group.

The military has a "strong will to ensure national reconciliation, constructive justice and tolerance," he wrote. He spoke against "gloating" and vengeance, saying only peaceful protests will be tolerated and urging Egyptians not to attack Brotherhood offices to



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Portugal politicians try to save government

BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The leaders of Portugal's governing coalition parties remained locked in negotiations Thursday as they attempted to repair differences that threatened to pitch the bailed-out country into turmoil and reignite concerns over Europe's debt crisis. Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho, head of the senior coalition partner, and the leader of the junior partner, Popular Party chief Paulo Portas, met three times in 24 hours in an attempt to avoid the government's collapse in a dispute over austerity measures and other reported grievances concerning the relative standings of the two parties within the coalition. There was no immediate word on the progress of the talks.

Portugal's political stability, certainly compared with turmoil in Greece, has helped ease investor concerns over the country's financial fate since a 78 billion euro (\$101 billion) international rescue two years ago. The relatively calm backdrop helped lower Portugal's borrowing costs and allowed it to enact a raft of economic reforms which European Central Bank president Mario Draghi on Thursday described as "remarkable." German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said he didn't expect any contagion from Portugal's difficulties to spread to the 16 other European countries which use the euro currency.

"I think the euro is now viewed on the world's financial markets as so stable that domestic political situations in individual countries ... don't mean a crisis for the stability of the

euro as a whole," Schaeuble said in Berlin.

Investors had a different opinion, however, and Portugal's troubles helped send European and Asian stocks lower this week before recovering Thursday after the governing partners pledged to settle their differences. Portas's resignation as Portuguese foreign minister earlier this week, after his demands for less austerity and more growth measures went unheeded, plunged the country into crisis mode.

The resignation of Finance Minister Vitor Gaspar, a technocrat with no party affiliations, on Monday fueled fears of a political meltdown. Gaspar complained he lacked political and public support for his austerity program.

Passos Coelho, the prime minister, refused to accept Portas's resignation and appealed for talks which began Wednesday night. Passos Coelho met Thursday with President Anibal Cavaco Silva, who has to endorse any change in the Cabinet. Passos Coelho didn't reveal how the negotiations were going but said his coalition partner had given him assurances it didn't want to prolong the political instability.

Investors breathed a sigh of relief as the quarrel subsided. The interest yield on Portugal's benchmark 10-year bond slipped back to 7.21 percent after soaring above 8 percent the previous day. Though the rate is still far above the 5.23 percent it reached in May, it is way down on the 9.77 percent it was at the same time last year.

The Lisbon stock exchange also rallied, rising 3.73 percent to 5,431 at the close, after plunging 5.3 percent on Wednesday. □



Portugal's Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho arrives for a weekly meeting with Portugal's President Anibal Cavaco Silva, not pictured, at the Belem presidential palace, in Lisbon, Thursday, July 4, 2013.
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South American leaders back Morales in plane row

CARLOS VALDEZ
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Associated Press
COCHABAMBA, Bolivia
(AP) — President Evo Morales warned on Thursday

his presidential plane was rerouted amid suspicions that NSA leaker Edward Snowden was on board. Morales again blamed Washington for pressuring

land in Vienna, Austria, in what he called a violation of international law. He had been returning from a summit in Russia during which he had suggested

States," said Morales, adding that leaders of his party had asked him to take action. "We don't need them to come here with the excuse of cooperation."

fael Correa said he and the other leaders were offering "all of our support" to Morales following the rerouting of the plane, calling it an aggression against the Americas.

Also at the gathering was Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro who protested alleged attempts by Spanish officials to search Morales' plane.

"Who takes the decision to attack the president of a South American nation?" Maduro asked. Spanish Prime Minister Mariano "Rajoy has been abusive by trying to search Morales' plane in Spain. He has no right to breach international law."

Morales, long a fierce critic of U.S. policy toward Latin America, received a hero's welcome in an airport in Bolivian capital of La Paz late Wednesday night. His return followed the dramatic, unplanned 14-hour layover in Vienna.

Bolivia's government said France, Spain and Portugal refused to let the president's plane through their airspace because of suspicions that Snowden was on board was a plot by the U.S. to intimidate him and other Latin American leaders.

Ahead of the meeting, Morales had said that his ordeal was part of a plot by the U.S. to intimidate him and other Latin American leaders.

He urged European nations to "free themselves" from the United States. "The United States is using its agent (Snowden) and the president (of Bolivia) to intimidate the whole region," he said.

France sent an apology to the Bolivian government. But Morales said "apologies are not enough because the stance is that international treaties must be respected." □



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, left, Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, right, and Bolivia's President Evo Morales acknowledge supporters during a welcome ceremony for presidents attending an extraordinary meeting in Cochabamba, Bolivia, Thursday, July 4, 2013. Leaders of Uruguay, Ecuador, Surinam, Argentina and Venezuela are meeting in Bolivia Thursday in support of Morales, who said Thursday that the rerouting of his plane in Europe, over suspicions that National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden was on board was a plot by the U.S. to intimidate him and other Latin American leaders.

(AP Photo/Juan Karita)

that he could close the U.S. Embassy in Bolivia as South America's leftist leaders rallied to support him after

European countries to refuse to allow his plane to fly through their airspace on Tuesday, forcing it to

he would be willing to consider Snowden's request for asylum. "We do not need the embassy of the United

Morales spoke as the leaders of Venezuela, Ecuador, Argentina and Uruguay joined him in Cochabamba, Bolivia for a special meeting to address the diplomatic row.

Latin American leaders were outraged by the incident, calling it a violation of national sovereignty and a slap in the face for a region that has suffered through humiliations by Europe and several U.S.-backed military coups.

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Campaign for parliamentary election begins in Japan

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HIMEJI, Japan - Campaigning for the July 21 parliamentary election began across Japan on Thursday, with opinion polls forecasting major gains for Prime

Minister Shinzo Abe and his economic revival plan. At stake in the election are half of the seats in the upper house of Parliament, where his main opponents, the Democratic Party, now have control. Abe's conservative governing party, the Liberal Democrats, soundly defeated the Democrats

in December in elections for the more powerful lower house of Parliament, and the polls suggest they will repeat that feat in the upper house. If they succeed, Abe will be the first Japanese prime minister

ised economic changes meant to jolt Japan out of its long deflationary slump. Enthusiasm for Abenomics has driven up prices on the Tokyo stock market by one-third this year, and Japan's aggressive easing of mon-
esque feudal castle, Liberal Democratic candidate Yoshitada Kounoike spoke of the progress the government has made and urged voters to give the governing party an even stronger hold on power, to make sure the recovery takes root. "It's clear our economic policies are starting to work - please trust that we can carry through," Kounoike told about 200 people gathered on a busy shopping street. "You've seen that with the Liberal Democratic Party, today has been better than yesterday and tomorrow will

be better than today," he called out. "But there are still those in Parliament who insist on getting in the way." For the Liberal Democrats and their junior coalition partners to gain control of the upper house, they must win 63 of the 121 contested seats in this month's election. For the governing party to win an outright majority of its own, it must win 72 seats. By focusing on the economy, the Liberal Democrats have pushed more divisive issues, like the future of Japan's nuclear program, out of the spotlight. □



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe waves during an upper house election campaign rally in Tokyo, Thursday, July 4, 2013. Abe vowed to speed up disaster reconstruction Thursday as he kicked off the campaign for parliamentary elections during a visit to Fukushima. Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its junior partner, the New Komeito, are expected to gain a majority of the 242 seats in the less powerful upper house in the July 21 election.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

Minister Shinzo Abe and his economic revival plan. At stake in the election are half of the seats in the upper house of Parliament, where his main opponents, the Democratic Party, now have control. Abe's conservative governing party, the Liberal Democrats, soundly defeated the Democrats

in years to break a rapid cycle of rise and fall for the country's leaders. Control of both houses of Parliament would give Abe more freedom to push forward a doctrine that his party now proudly calls Abenomics, a cocktail of monetary stimulus, government spending and prom-

etary policy has lifted the country's mainstay exports by pushing down the yen's value against the dollar and other currencies. Japan's economy is now the fastest-growing among the Group of 7 major industrialized nations. Here in Himeji, a sleepy city in western Japan known for its pictur-

Airlines cancel Mexico flights over volcano

MEXICO CITY (AP) — At least six U.S. airlines canceled more than 40 flights into and out of Mexico City and Toluca airports Thursday after the Popocatepetl volcano spewed out ash, steam and glowing rocks, airport officials said. Mexico City airport spokesman Jorge Gomez said U.S. Airways, Delta, United, American and Alaska Airlines canceled 47 flights as a precaution. But he said the airport otherwise continues to operate normally and that by Thursday afternoon no ash had reached the area, about 40 miles (70 kilometers) from the

volcano. Gomez said that among the routes affected by the cancelations were flights to Houston, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, Chicago and Los Angeles. At nearby Toluca airport, Spirit Airlines canceled flights from Dallas and Fort Lauderdale, said spokesman Alejandro Munoz. The airport, about 35 miles (60 kilometers) from Mexico City, also continued to operate normally, Munoz said. Authorities registered several tremors Thursday at the 17,886-foot (5,450-meter) volcano, which has

been spraying a fountain of hot rock and ash for the last 24 hours. Federal civil protection authorities established a 7-mile (12-kilometer) safety radius around the Popocatepetl, which means no one can enter that area. They also are ensuring that no cars transit through the Paseo de Cortes, a mountain pass between the Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl volcanoes. An iconic backdrop to Mexico City's skyline on clear days, Popocatepetl sits roughly halfway between Mexico City and the city of Puebla. □

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Draghi: ECB to keep rates low 'for extended period'

DAVID McHUGH
AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The European Central Bank and the Bank of England on Thursday underlined their determination to keep interest rates low in an attempt to reassure markets unsettled by the possible end of the U.S. Federal Reserve's bond-buying program.

Abandoning a longtime practice of saying it "never precommits" on interest rate decisions, the ECB said it would keep its benchmark interest rate the same or lower "for an extended period of time."

The statement followed a meeting of the bank's rate council which left the refinancing rate for the 17 European Union countries that use the euro unchanged at 0.5 percent.

Draghi said the decision followed "an extensive discussion" of a potential rate cut. Instead of a cut, the bank offered what is called "forward guidance". The practice — already used

by the U.S. Federal Reserve — is designed to give markets clarity about central bank's future course of action in order to influence and reassure markets.

The Bank of England did something similar at its monthly meeting Thursday. Under new governor Mark Carney, the bank issued a statement saying that expectation of a rate rise "was not warranted". The Bank also kept its main interest rate at 0.5 percent.

Markets reacted dramatically to the two banks' statements. In London, the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed up 3.1 percent, while Germany's DAX stock index ended Thursday 2.11 percent higher. Both the euro and pound fell on the two banks' actions as investors moved their investments to currencies with a higher return.

The goal of the ECB and the Bank of England was to keep bond market interest rates from rising and hurting economic growth through higher borrowing

costs. Market rates have crept up since the Fed signaled last month it could begin phasing out its bond-buying program this year.

this into reverse.

Analyst Christian Schulz called the ECB guidance a "mini-revolution" because the central bank aban-



President of European Central Bank Mario Draghi listens to questions during a news conference in Frankfurt, Germany, Thursday, July 4, 2013, following a meeting of the ECB governing council. The ECB decided to leave the key interest rate unchanged.
(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

The Fed program — known as quantitative easing — has been sending fresh money into financial markets, driving bond prices up and keeping borrowing costs down. Word the Fed might scale back soon sent

done its longstanding catchphrase that it "never precommits" on its policies. "This is a weak form of forward guidance. But it is guidance nonetheless," Schulz wrote in a note to investors. □

Bank of England hints monetary policy to remain loose for a while

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The Bank of England refrained Thursday from pumping more money into the U.K. economy, citing signs of growth, as it held its first meeting since the arrival of the new governor, Mark Carney. But stocks rallied on expectations the central bank will keep its monetary policy loose for some time.

The Monetary Policy Committee kept its key interest rate at the record low of 0.5 percent and decided against expanding its stimulus program, as widely expected in the markets.

The bank has so far pumped 375 billion pounds (\$579 billion) into Britain's economy since 2009. Under the program, the Bank of England buys bonds from financial institutions with newly created money. The hope is the extra money will boost lending, helping economic growth.

In a statement, the Bank of England hinted that it would keep monetary policy loose to keep borrowing rates down.

It said that since May, "there have been further signs that a recovery is in train" but the recovery was weak by historical standards. It expects inflation, which is at 2.7 percent, to slow to the bank's 2 percent target. That should allow the bank to keep its monetary policy loose for some time — unlike the U.S. Federal Reserve, which is planning to rein in its stimulus. Stocks rallied and the pound dropped after the statement. The FTSE 100 stock index was up 2.6 percent while the pound slumped 1.3 percent against the dollar. A currency typically falls when monetary policy is loose.

Carney's interest in explaining policy choices to the public was perhaps behind the publication of the statement. Under the previous governor, Mervyn King, the bank would typically issue no comment when policy was left unchanged. □

IMF tells Italy: press reforms, create youth jobs

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ROME (AP) — The International Monetary Fund pressed Italy on Thursday to do more about "unacceptably high" unemployment, especially among young people and women, and urged it to bring back an unpopular property tax whose return could threaten the survival of Premier Enrico Letta's coalition government.

Former premier Silvio Berlusconi made suspension of the tax on primary residences a condition of his conservative forces vital support for Letta's government. Letta reluctantly agreed to let property owners skip paying the tax in June, and has said his government would decide later in the year whether to revive the tax, which brings in some 4 billion euros (\$5.2 billion) in revenue annually. In a report at the end of its annual visit to the country, the IMF told Italy the tax

"should be maintained." Berlusconi's lawmakers immediately countered with a vow that the tax would be abolished, raising tensions in the already uneasy coalition.

Berlusconi's center-right People of Freedom party, "reiterates that it is absolutely necessary" to abolish the tax, said Anna Maria Bernini, a senator in the

party. While expressing "maximum respect" for the IMF's analysis, Bernini said the backing for the government "came from our lawmakers in Parliament and not the IMF."

Berlusconi had made abolishing the tax the main plank of his populist campaign for election earlier this year. His forces came in second, and their back-

ing was needed to secure Letta's center-left bloc enough support in Parliament to govern.

Mario Monti, who succeeded Berlusconi in late 2011 when financial markets lost faith in the media mogul's handling of Italy's debt crisis, promptly brought the tax back. But Letta was forced to suspend it right after taking office as the price for Berlusconi's support. Monti paid his own high price for his severe austerity measures, including reviving the tax, when Berlusconi yanked support for Monti's government late last year.

"All countries have property taxes," said Kenneth Kang, an IMF official, when asked about whether it was worth reviving the tax if its return meant jeopardizing the government's stability. Italian Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni, at the same news conference, tried for a diplomatic answer. □



Italian Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni, right, and Vice Director of the IMF's European Department, Aasim Husain, arrive for a meeting at the Economy Ministry in Rome, Thursday, July 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Mauro Scrobogna, Lapresse)



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PALM BEACH, ARUBA (JULY 4, 2013) – On Wednesday afternoon Jessica Cloutier and Adam Benton got a pre-wedding surprise: a FlashMob in the resort lobby of the Marriott in their honor! Over sixty family and friends, young and old, gathered at 4:30pm in the lobby to perform a dance for the soon to be married couple to the beats of “Jumping in the Line (Shake Shake Señora)”. Dressed in white tees with a big red heart saying “Jessica and Adam, July 4th 2013”, the

“dance” group put on a fabulous show. The mother of the bride Mrs. Cloutier spearheaded the successful surprise Flash-Mob. The video can be viewed online at Facebook.com/ArubaMarriott or via the link http://youtu.be/G_X_JWXGW90 Jessica and Adam later said “I Do” on the 4th of July at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino congratulates the happy couple and the best wishes. □

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WOMENS' FINAL OF WIMBLEDON

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Sabine Lisicki advanced to her first



Marion Bartoli of France serves to Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium in their Women's singles semifinal match at Wimbledon, London, Thursday, July 4, 2013. (AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

Wimbledon final a couple of hours after Marion Bartoli reached her second.

Lisicki, a 2011 semifinalist at the All England Club, beat fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 2-6, 9-7 Thursday on Centre Court, overpowering her opponent at the start and then hanging on despite trailing 3-0 at the end. "I go out there to win," said Lisicki, the first German to reach the Wimbledon final since Steffi Graf in 1999. "I fight for every single point and I still enjoy the game, so I think those are the main parts why I won today." Bartoli took control early and never let up in a quick 6-1, 6-2 victory over Kirsten Flipkens. She also reached the Wimbledon final in 2007, losing to Venus Williams in straight sets. Saturday's final will be the second at Wimbledon in the 45-year Open era between two women who have never won a Grand Slam title.

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New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia throws against the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, in Minneapolis. In the 401st start of his 13-year career, the 32-year-old Sabathia labored his way to his 200th win during a 3-2 victory over the Twins.

(AP Photo/Jim Mone)

The 200 Club

Sabathia throws his way to 200th-win milestone

DAVID WALDSTEIN

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MINNEAPOLIS - His arm slot was inconsistent, his command was suspect, and he required 121 pitches just to get through seven innings. Perhaps, though, it was the most fitting way for C.C. Sabathia to reach a milestone. In the 401st start of his 13-year career, the 32-year-old Sabathia labored his way to his 200th win during a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins. Robinson Cano provided the offensive thrust, hitting a two-run double and scoring the decisive run as the New York Yankees came from two runs down to score three times in the

sixth and win their third consecutive game after a five-game losing streak.

For Sabathia, it was not a thing of beauty, but that made this one emblematic of so many of his wins.

"I feel like all of them I battled for," he said.

Sabathia won his first major league game on April 13, 2001, in the second start of his career, which began with the Cleveland Indians. It was a 9-8 decision over the Detroit Tigers, and Sabathia surrendered four runs in five innings. Like Wednesday's game, it was not a gem.

In 2001, Sabathia was hoping he would be able to win 10 games as a rookie,

but he ended up winning 17, flashing the promise of what would turn out to be a great career.

Asked how it felt to win 200 games, Sabathia said he felt old. But he is not. He became the 27th pitcher in major league history to win his 200th game before his 33rd birthday. He turns 33 on July 21. "It's amazing," said Phil Hughes, his close friend. "Now he can chug on for a hundred more. He's young enough. He's got the best shot of anyone in baseball to win 300, so he could do it."

Sabathia struck out nine over seven innings and allowed seven hits and two runs. Most important, he

was handed a lead in the sixth inning and did not give it back, something he had admonished himself for doing too often recently. Mariano Rivera closed out the game in the ninth for his 28th save and the 636th of his career. Sabathia's 200th win was the third milestone the Yankees reached in the series. On Tuesday, manager Joe Girardi won his 600th game and Andy Pettitte earned his 1,958th strikeout, surpassing Whitey Ford for the most as a Yankee. Cano, who continues to be one of the hottest hitters in baseball, played a big role in all three.

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Sabathia throws his way to 200th-win milestone



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Trailing by 2-0 entering the sixth, the Yankees had runners on second and third with nobody out. Twins starter P.J. Walters tried to pitch very carefully to Cano, and still got ahead of him, 1-2, in the count. But when he tried to throw a slider, it caught too much of the plate, and Cano was ready for it. He lashed it into right field for a double, scoring Brett Gardner and Ichiro Suzuki to even the score, 2-2. Cano then scored on a sacrifice fly by Lyle Overbay. Cano said he was not surprised the Twins pitched to him, especially since he represented the go-ahead run. Asked if he were a manager, would he pitch to a batter who was as hot as he is, he hesitated, then said smiling, "Yeah, I'd pitch to him."

Cano went 2 for 3 and raised his batting average to .299. Twins center fielder Aaron Hicks robbed him of a third hit, making a diving catch on a line drive in the eighth. But he still extended his streak of multi-hit games to six in a stretch so productive, it seems almost too dangerous to pitch to him. He came into Wednesday's game batting .571 (12 for 21) with four home runs, a double and eight runs batted in during the first five games of the trip. When he scored the run to give the Yankees the lead, it marked the fifth straight game in which he had at least one run and two hits. He was also playing with his fifth double-play partner. Girardi said he was not sure if the Twins would pitch to Cano but was not complaining. "I'm always happy to see Robbie hit," he said. □

New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia follows through on a pitch against the Minnesota Twins in the sixth inning of a baseball game on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, in Minneapolis. The Yankees defeated the Twins 3-2.

(AP Photo/Jim Mone)

Pedroia, Ortiz carry Red Sox past Padres 8-2

KEN POWTAK
The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) -- Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run double, David Ortiz had a two-run single and the Boston Red Sox wrapped up a big homestand by beating San Diego 8-2 Thursday, sending the Padres to their season-high sixth straight loss. Brandon Snyder and Jacoby Ellsbury each had solo homers for the Red Sox. Boston went 8-1 at Fenway Park to match its best homestand since June 2010. The Red Sox also won for the 12th time in its last 14 games at home. Allen Webster (1-2) pitched six innings for his first major league win, allowing two runs and five hits, while walking four and striking out two. The Padres have scored just seven runs in their losing streak. They also lost for the 10th time in 12 games.

The Red Sox open a three-city, 10-game West Coast trip Friday night in Anaheim against the Angels. Eric Stults (6-7) gave up four runs and nine hits over 4 1-3 innings without walking or striking out a batter. He was tagged for seven runs - six earned - in 3 2-3 innings in his previous start Saturday in a loss at Miami after giving up two runs or less in his previous six. Sitting in his uncomfortably warm office about two hours before the game, Padres manager Bud Black praised the play of Pedroia. It didn't take long for the Red Sox second baseman to make him look good. "Pedroia might be the MVP of the league so far. I think you can make a case for it," Black said. Pedroia's two-run double in the first moved Boston ahead 2-0. Ellsbury singled leading off to extend his



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz slides in safely with a double during the eighth inning of their 8-2 win over the San Diego Padres in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, July 4, 2013.
(AP Photo/Winslow Townson)

season-high hitting streak to 14 games and Shane

Victorino doubled off the Green Monster before Pe-

droia doubled into the left-field corner. □

Lisicki and Bartoli advance to Wimbledon final round

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Lisicki may have the edge in that match with a 3-1 record against Bartoli, including a quarterfinal win at Wimbledon in 2011 in their last meeting.

Lisicki, who beat defending champion Serena Williams in the fourth round, dictated play in the first set by winning 22 of her 30 points on serve and breaking once. But her serve deserted her after that.

Once the second set started, Radwanska came alive and Lisicki crumpled. Lisicki lost all four of her service games, with the lowlight coming in the final game of the second set. Leading 30-0, Lisicki lost four straight points, including two double-faults.

"She made some really good points. I made a few errors too many," Lisicki said. "But I regained my focus and game in the third set, and that's the main part."

In the third, Lisicki was again broken early but finally held to make it 3-1 and then broke to get back on serve.

Both players held serve until Lisicki got the deciding break in the 15th game when Radwanska hit a volley long. "It's just one break," Radwanska said. "She was serving very well. So the one break on one side was a lot, and on other hand was not really."

A few minutes earlier, Radwanska had been two points from victory. The two were tied at 30-30 and later at deuce in the 12th game with Radwanska leading 6-5.

"I had a lot of chances. Just two points from the match," Radwanska said. "Then she serve second serve like 100 miles per hour. Then, you know, it just turned the other way."

Lisicki said her big win over Serena Williams helped her Thursday.

"I thought, 'I've done it

against Serena so you can do it today as well, just hang in there,'" Lisicki said. "It gave me so much confidence and I'm just so, so happy I was able to finish it." Lisicki finished the match, but one of the two scoreboards on either side of the court didn't, going blank late in the third set.

Bartoli wasted little time in her match, dancing and grunting her way to victory over the 20th-seeded Belgian who was playing in her first major semifinal.

"I played great. I executed very well. I hit lobs, passing shots, winners, returns, everything worked out perfectly," said Bartoli, who won in 62 minutes. "When I fell on the grass after match point, it was just so emotional. I dreamed about that moment, about returning to the Wimbledon final."

Amelie Mauresmo, the 2006 Wimbledon champion who now coaches France's Fed Cup team,



Sabine Lisicki of Germany returns to Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland during their Women's singles semifinal match at Wimbledon, London, Thursday, July 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Tom Hevezi)

was in the stands for the early match and had plenty of praise for Bartoli.

"She just played a great match, definitely the best match of the tournament for her," Mauresmo said.

"Marion put huge pressure on her right from the beginning, first of all returning very well, serving better, which she had to do today." Bartoli was pumped from the start on Centre Court, mixing two-handed backhands and forehands with little hops between points, as she usually does. In the first set, she faced only one break point, nearly putting Flipkens back on serve in the third game. But despite a double-fault and a backhand into the net to eventually get behind 30-40, Bartoli dug herself out of the hole and finished the game with the first of her five aces.

"I tried my slices. She didn't have any problem with that," Flipkens said. "I tried the dropshot. She got it. I played a passing, she came to the net. I tried a lob. I tried everything, actually." Flipkens, who again took the court with her right knee taped, called for a trainer after being broken for the second straight time at the start of the second set. □

Anders Hansen leads French Open after 1st round

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SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France (AP) — Anders Hansen of Denmark shot a 5-under 66 to lead by a stroke after the first round of the French Open on Thursday.

The Dane, whose best result this year was a third place at the Malaysian Open in March, made seven birdies and two bogeys on an Albatross course at Le Golf National that punished some of the main contenders.

"You do want to stay out of the rubbish, and there's plenty of it out there," Hansen said. "Every hole there's something. One bad shot and all of a sudden you're staring at double. It's just tough out there."

Frenchman Romain Wattel was in second place, one stroke clear of nine players who shared third place on the course that will host the Ryder Cup in 2018.

The 22-year-old Wattel fin-

ished joint third at the Lyoness Open last month in Austria and wound up fourth in April at the Ballantine's Championship in Seoul.

Past winners Martin Kaymer of Germany (68) and Miguel Angel Jimenez of

land (69) and American golfer Matt Kuchar (70).

"If you hit off line out here, you lose your ball basically," McDowell said. "It's a very punishing golf course." Kuchar is second in the FedEx rankings behind Tiger



Danish Thomas Bjorn, tees off at the fourth hole on the first day of the French Open Golf tournament at Paris National course in Guyancourt, west of Paris, Thursday, July 4, 2013. Anders Hansen of Denmark shot a 5-under 66 to lead by a stroke after the first round of the French Open on Thursday.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

Spain (69) stayed in contention, along with 2010 U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell of Northern Ire-

lands and was making his French Open debut.

"It was an amazing reception on the first tee,"

Kuchar said. "It just made me feel very welcome. I was excited to get around and going."

Ranked 1560th in the world, Thomas Pieters of Belgium had a share of third place until the last hole where he made a double bogey for a 70 to slip to 24th.

The 21-year-old Pieters turned pro last month and was playing for the first time on the European Tour. Former top-ranked Luke Donald of England birdied his last two holes to limit the damage with an even-par 71.

"This is a course that demands a lot of precision," Donald said. "If you're a little bit off, it can bite you. It bit me on 18."

Ryder Cup star Ian Poulter (73) of England, Matteo Manassero (73) of Italy, defending champion Marcel Siem (78) of Germany and Danish prodigy Thorbjorn Olesen (78) will need a good second round on Friday to make the cut. □

Formula One:

Nico Rosberg hopes to keep Mercedes momentum

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NUERBURGRING, Germany

(AP) — Nico Rosberg finally has a car capable of winning Formula One races and the German driver is taking full advantage of it — if only to annoy the championship leader.

Rosberg played second fiddle to Michael Schumacher for three frustrating seasons as Mercedes struggled. When the seven-time champion retired for the second time, Mercedes signed on Lewis Hamilton, another former champ.

While Hamilton has been collecting points consistently, Rosberg has been the faster driver almost halfway into the season.

Rosberg has won two of the last three races and had three poles, while Hamilton is still winless and had two poles.

But Hamilton is ahead on points, 89 to 82, which leaves Rosberg 50 points behind the series' leader, three-time champion Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull.

"In the short term I just want to annoy Sebastian and Red Bull, race by race, by being ahead of them," Rosberg said on Thursday at the German Grand Prix. "That is the most important thing, to be ahead not just

of them but other teams.

"It is a really nice time in my career, it is new - I have never had a car as quick as it is now - and we can go out there and qualify and fight for the position right at the front.

"The car is getting better and better (in races), so on Sundays I can keep my qualifying position. That is a nice feeling, (and) very motivating."

Mercedes has held five of the last six poles, but has struggled to sustain the challenge in a race.

"Trying to win more races is what I am focused on at the moment, and what the team is focused on."

Rosberg believes new tires supplied by Pirelli could have an impact on qualifying and Sunday's race.

"It will be interesting," Rosberg said. "Possibly it will mix things up, but it is also an opportunity for us to understand it better than other teams and make the most of it. We have to try and run them as much as possible in relevant circumstance to try and learn as much as we can.

"It is likely to shuffle things around a bit."

Pirelli, under heavy fire after five drivers punctured at last Sunday's British GP, including race leader

Hamilton, decided to use Kevlar belt tires this weekend, rather than ones with steel belts used in England.

"I'm 43 points off Sebastian, we've a good car," Hamilton said. "The improvements we have made with

As for the title, I'm just trying to stay within shooting distance, to stay in the fight. That's all I'm focusing



Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany, right, shakes hand with Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany, prior to a news conference, at the Nuerburgring racetrack, in Nuerburg, Germany, Wednesday, July 4, 2013.
(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

Hamilton said Mercedes was improving, noting it was second in the constructors' championship.

regard to tire degradation have helped, and moving forward I really hope we can be more competitive.

on at the moment. "Nico has proven we can win with the car, so I'm sure a win will come." □

Ferrari's Alonso says tires will determine next 2 GPs

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(AP) — Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso believes the next two Formula One races in Germany and Hungary will be determined for his team by the new tires.

Tire supplier Pirelli responded to last week's five-car blowouts in Silverstone by providing tires with Kevlar belts for this weekend's German GP. Three weeks later in Hungary, Pirelli will supply different tires, based on last year's and this year's mixtures following testing during the break.

Alonso says Ferrari needs to adjust to the new tires quicker than other teams. "Here and Hungary, we

will be dominated by the tires - how they perform on each car," the Spaniard said Thursday, ahead of Sunday's race in Germany. "With the set-up you win

one tenth or two tenths (of a second), with tires you can lose seconds... so we need to adapt to the new tires quicker than the other teams, and we will put a lot

of effort on that," Alonso said.

Alonso has two wins this season and already has won twice in Germany, in 2010 and 2012, when both races were at Hockenheim. In 2011 on the Nuerburgring circuit he was second. One week ago in Silverstone, Alonso finished third, despite ending qualifying only in 10th. The former champion is 21 points behind series leader Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull.

"We were happy with the points we recovered but I was not happy with the performance," Alonso said of his drive in Silverstone.

"It is something we need to answer here — if Silverstone was just a one-off and we

didn't have the right balance or the right set-up for that particular circuit, or is it just really that everyone else did a big step forward and we did a step backward? We need to answer this question and recover some of the form," he said. Alonso said Ferrari's initial analysis suggested specific Silverstone-related problems that could be solved. "We went into a very deep analysis of Silverstone, knowing that we were not competitive, and we saw some issues with the car in terms of aero characteristics at Silverstone, in terms of set-up, to do some things a bit better at a certain speed in corners," he said. □



Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso of Spain smiles in the paddock at the Nuerburgring racetrack, in Nuerburg, Germany, Wednesday, July 4, 2013. The Formula one race will be held on Sunday.
(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

A Tour de France day where teamwork shined

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MONTPELLIER, France (AP)

— Stage 6 of the 100th Tour de France was a textbook demonstration of teamwork.

Like playing pass the parcel, an Australian deliberately handed over the race lead to a South African teammate and friend, so he could be the first rider from that country to wear the famed yellow jersey.

being recognized, said his wife, Alexandra.

But that was before his buddy on the Orica GreenEdge team, Simon Gerrans, passed him the race lead at the Tour.

"Wearing the yellow jersey now is definitely going to change things for cycling, put it on the map in South Africa," said Impey. "Hopefully people will start recognizing me, maybe."

Gerrans knows the feeling.

hard in the time trial Orica won as a team in Stage 4. Gerrans figured it was time for some pay-back. So on Thursday he rode in five seconds behind Impey in Montpellier. That was enough for the race lead to pass from one to the other, because they started the day with the exact same overall time, with Gerrans in first place and Impey second.

"Daryl was a huge part of

in a road accident in South Africa in recent years. Carla Swart died in January 2011 when she was hit by a truck while training.

Describing roads around Johannesburg as "pretty scary," Alexandra Impey said: "I feel more relaxed when he's training here in Europe." Greipel's sprint-finish victory capped a hard day of riding for the pack, across 176.5-kilometers (110 miles) of flat, sun-

kissed terrain from Aix-en-Provence.

Anxious that the region's famous wind, the mistral, might blow hard and split up the race, teams cranked up the pace, reeling in a breakaway rider and motoring at high speed to make sure they wouldn't get left behind. This in heat that turned tarmac sticky, with temperatures in the thirties (above 90 Fahrenheit). □



Andre Greipel of Germany celebrates crossing the finish line ahead Peter Sagan of Slovakia, second place, left, and Marcel Kittel of Germany, third place, rear in white, to win the sixth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 176.5 kilometers (110.3 miles) with start in Aix-en-Provence and finish in Montpellier, southern France, Thursday July 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

And the German, Andre Greipel, who won the stage with a fierce finishing sprint, owed a debt of gratitude to teammates who plied him with drinks all afternoon, ferrying bottles back and forth from cars at the back of the race, so he didn't melt in the scorching sun.

"Room service," the big German said light-heartedly. As the new leader of cycling's showcase race, Daryl Impey can look forward to some first-class treatment, too. Being the first South African to wear the yellow jersey "will definitely change my life," Impey said.

Rugby, cricket and, for the majority black population, football, are the big sports for South Africans. Impey can shop in the malls of Johannesburg, where he trains and lives, without

To wear canary yellow at the Tour is to be king for a day — or more depending on how long the rider keeps the lead.

Gerrans had it for two unforgettable days. Fans clapped and cheered when they saw him. Reporters chased him. A particularly boisterous crowd of Aussie fans played air guitar for him.

The jersey also carries extra responsibilities: news conferences, podium ceremonies and other distractions can eat into rest and recovery — so important for riders to survive the three-week trek over 3,404 kilometers (2,115 miles). Injuries from crashes have already culled seven of the 198 riders who started in Corsica on June 29.

Impey worked for Gerrans earlier at the Tour, helping him win Stage 3 and riding

me getting the jersey so I thought it was a nice gesture to be able to pass it on to him now. Hopefully for a few days," Gerrans said. "To have the yellow jersey, it just really changes your life as a cyclist."

"I'll have a bit more time to myself now and pass all that extra work on to Daryl," Gerrans added. "I don't count it as losing the jersey. I count it as passing it onto a mate. It was the plan before the stage and we were able to execute it perfectly."

Impey's father was a pro cyclist in South Africa, said his wife, Alexandra. She said Impey also used to train with Burry Stander, a two-time Olympic mountain biker killed Jan. 3 when he was hit by a minibus taxi while biking with his wife. Stander was the second leading cyclist to be killed

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Prescription pain pill addiction taking toll on women

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PORTSMOUTH, Ohio - Prescription pain pill addiction was originally seen as a man's problem, a national epidemic that began among workers doing backbreaking labor in the coal mines and factories of Appalachia. But a new analysis of federal data has found that deaths in recent years have been rising far faster among women, quintupling since 1999. More women now die of overdoses from pain pills like OxyContin than from cervical cancer or homicides. And though more men are dying, women are catching up, according to the analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And the problem is hitting white women harder than black women, and older women harder than younger ones.

In this Ohio River town on Appalachia's northwestern edge, women blamed the changing nature of American society. The rise of the single-parent household has thrust immense responsibility on women, who are now not only mothers, but also, in many cases, primary breadwinners. Some who described feeling overwhelmed by their responsibilities said they craved the numbness that drugs bring. Others said highs made them feel pretty, strong and productive, a welcome respite from the chaos of their lives.

"I thought I was supermom," said Crystal D. Steele, 42, a recovering addict who said she began to take medicine for back pain she developed working at Kentucky Fried Chicken. "I took one kid to football, the other to baseball. I went to work. I

washed the car. I cleaned the house. I didn't even know I had a problem."

Steele, now a patient at the Counseling Center, a rehabilitation center here, remembers getting calls about deaths of high school classmates while working at an answering service for a local funeral home. She counted about 50 women she had known who had drug-related deaths. She believes that had it not been for a 40-day stint in jail for stealing pain pills, she would have been among them.

"I felt like I sold my soul somewhere along the way," said Steele, whose father was an alcoholic and abusive. "I didn't feel like I deserved to be given a second chance. I thought my kids would be better off without me."

For years, drug overdose deaths in the United States were seen as mostly an urban problem that hit blacks hardest. But opioid abuse, which exploded in

the 1990s and 2000s and included drugs like OxyContin, Vicodin and Percocet, has been worst among whites, often in rural plac-

es. Asians and Hispanics had the lowest rates. Some researchers say the epidemic has contributed to a sharp decline in life

expectancy among the country's least educated white women. According to the report, 6,631 women died of opioid overdoses in 2010, compared with 10,020 men. While younger women in their 20s and 30s tend to have the highest rates of opioid abuse, the overdose death rate was highest among older women ages 45 to 54, a finding that surprised clinicians. The range indicates that at least some portion of the drugs may have been prescribed appropriately for pain, Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said in an interview. If death rates were driven purely by abuse, then one would expect the death rates to be highest among younger women who are the biggest abusers.

"The age range makes us pause," she said. "We cannot just disregard the notion that many may have been properly prescribed for pain."

Deaths among women have been rising for some time, but Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, the CDC director, said the problem had gone virtually unrecognized. □



Crystal Steele, a patient at the Counseling Center, a rehabilitation facility, talks with other patients at the center in Portsmouth, Ohio, July 1, 2013. A federal analysis of data found that prescription painkiller addiction, long seen as mainly a man's problem, is rising at a far faster rate among women.

(Tom Uhlman/The New York Times)

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expectancy among the country's least educated white women. According to the report, 6,631 women died of opioid overdoses in 2010, compared with

Doctors:

Patents keep HIV drugs too pricy to use

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Doctors Without Borders warned this week that rising intellectual property rights are blocking the generic production of newer drugs to treat HIV and are keeping them out of reach for developing countries.

The medical aid group said at an international AIDS meeting here that prices of older drugs long used to treat patients have fallen sharply as India and other countries make generics. But newer drugs that are more effective against the AIDS virus are too expen-

sive, costing up to 15 times more. "It's good news that the price of key HIV drugs continues to fall as more generic companies compete for the market, but the newer medicines are still priced far too high," said Jennifer Cohn, medical director for Doctors Without Borders' access campaign. "We need the newer treatments for people that have exhausted all other options, but patents keep them priced beyond reach." Patients can be treated with a combination of three or four older drugs,

but those who develop resistance to them need the expensive newer medicines. According to Doctors Without Borders, the governments of Thailand and Jamaica pay \$4,760 and \$6,570, respectively, a year per patient for the new drug darunavir alone. Paraguay pays \$7,782 for etravirine, while Armenia pays \$13,213 for raltegravir. In comparison, a cocktail of older generic drugs costs as little as \$139 per person a year.

Doctors Without Borders urged the United States

and 11 other countries negotiating a Trans-Pacific Partnership not to sign the free-trade pact. It warned that the pact will increase intellectual property rights across Asia and the Americas, expanding monopoly protection for medicines and threatening cheap access to drugs.

It said the World Health Organization's new guidelines, which recommend earlier treatment for adults, means that an additional 9 million people in developing countries will now be eligible for treatment. □



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Microsoft Xbox unit chief hired to rescue Zynga

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Zynga, the social games maker that has stumbled badly over the last year, said it had replaced its founder and chief executive, Mark Pincus, with the head of Microsoft's Xbox video game business, Don Mattrick. The change, announced earlier this week, came after a series of miscalculations and poor management decisions by Pincus threatened to transform Zynga from one of the hottest game startups ever into one of its most spectacular flameouts. After Pincus figured out before anyone else how games like "FarmVille" could get friends playing against one another on Facebook, he seemed unable to repeat the formula on today's popular game devices, smartphones and tablets. Zynga's stock is down nearly 70 percent since it sold shares to the public in late 2011. Last month it laid off nearly a fifth of its workforce. In hiring Mattrick, Zynga is following a familiar rite of passage at young technology companies, which often look to seasoned managers to aid their transition from startups run by creative, headstrong founders into bigger enterprises. Google, for instance, brought in Eric Schmidt as chief executive to help manage the company with its co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin. Some founders of troubled Internet companies have not been able to hang on, including Andrew Mason, the former chief executive of Groupon, who was fired from the coupon service in February after his missteps put him on the wrong side of its board of directors. □

Winklevoss twins plan ETF to trade bitcoins

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Bitcoin has been promoted as an alternative crypto-currency that exists outside the realms of governments and central banks. Now, two backers of the digital money are seeking to bring bitcoin into the investing mainstream - if they win the approval of the U.S. government.

Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, the twins best known for their part in the history of Facebook, filed a proposal with securities regulators this week that would allow any investor to trade bitcoins, just as if they were stocks. The plan involves an exchange-traded fund, which usually tracks a basket of stocks or a commodity, but in this case would hold only bitcoins.

It is part of a broader effort to remove the stigma hovering over bitcoin and other online money endeavors, which have faced a barrage of regulatory questions and enforcement actions. Recently the world's largest trading exchange for bitcoins, Mt. Gox, filed with the Treasury Department to register itself as a money services business and comply with money-laundering laws.

The proposal from the twins, who already have sizable bitcoin holdings, is an audacious one: the Winklevoss Bitcoin Trust could send digital money from the realm of computer programmers, Internet entrepreneurs and a small circle of professional investors like themselves into the hands of retail investors - virtually anyone with a brokerage account.

"The trust brings bitcoin to Main Street and mainstream investors to bitcoin," said Tyler Winklevoss, co-

founder of Math-Based Asset Services, which would operate the proposed fund. "It eliminates the friction of buying and reduces the risks associated with storing bitcoin while offering similar investment attributes to direct ownership." Their proposal has the advantage of coming from the desk of Kathleen Moriarty, a lawyer at Katten Muchin, who played a

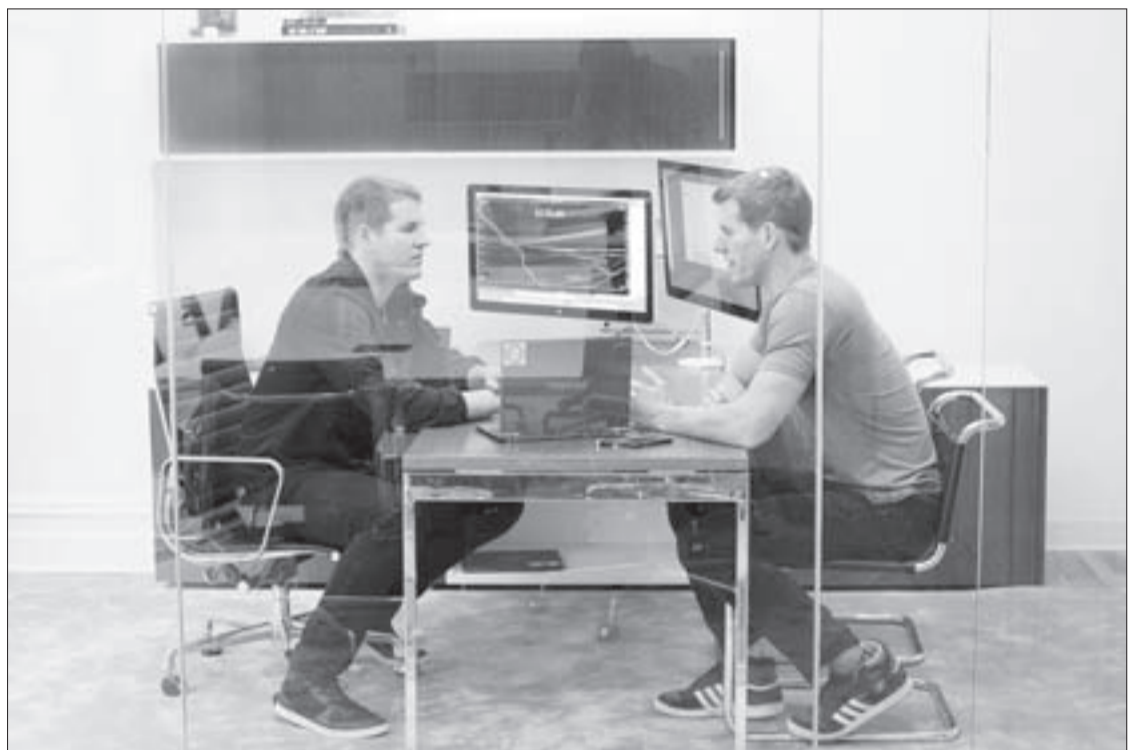
ket participants suggested that the proposal was a long shot that was merely an attempt to legitimize the digital currency. But Cameron Winklevoss expressed confidence that regulators would bless the new investment.

"We have assembled a team that has successfully launched novel products before, and we firmly believe in the chances of suc-

- with the current count at about 11 million. A limited number of stores and websites are accepting bitcoin as payment, but for now it is primarily a vehicle for speculators.

"The value of bitcoins is determined by the value that various market participants place on bitcoins through their transactions," the brothers' filing says.

The currency grabbed the



Cameron, right, and Tyler Winklevoss, the twins best known for their part in the history of Facebook, at their office in New York. On July 1, 2013, the twins filed a proposal with securities regulators that would allow any investor to trade bitcoins, the unregulated digital currency, just as if they were stocks. (Agaton Strom/The New York Times)

leading role in the creation of the first exchange-traded fund and popular gold- and silver-backed ETFs.

But it is far from certain that securities regulators will approve. Even if they do, such a fund would face major challenges, including the current bottlenecks that stop bitcoins from being easily bought and sold. "There are so many ways it could go wrong," said Ugo Egbunike, a senior specialist in exchange-traded funds at the data company Index Universe.

On Monday, several mar-

cess for this product," he said.

The filing is the latest eye-catching development in bitcoin's history since it was founded by an anonymous hacker, or hackers, in 2009. Unlike traditional money, bitcoins exist in no physical form and are not backed by a central bank. Instead, the coins are created by a network of users who solve complex mathematical problems - a method known as "mining" - to generate bitcoins. Only a finite number of bitcoins can be created - 21 million

attention of global markets in April when the value of a single bitcoin spiked to more than \$250 from \$110, before plummeting. While there were questions about the survival of the currency, the value of a bitcoin has recently hovered around \$100, making the total market worth about \$1 billion.

During the April swoon, the Winklevosses went public with their own bitcoin hoard, amounting to about 1 percent of all outstanding coins, or about \$10 million. □

With US markets closed for Independence Day:

World stocks rally on European central banks' comments

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — World stocks shrugged off worries over political turmoil in Egypt and rallied strongly Thursday on optimism that easy monetary policy from central banks in Europe is set to continue for some time to come. U.S. markets were closed for Independence Day.

The biggest gains were in Britain, where the Bank of England surprised markets after its first monetary policy meeting held under new governor Mark Carney. It said afterward that expectations it would raise rates in coming months were unwarranted, despite the improving economic backdrop.

Meanwhile, the European Central Bank kept rates at record low rates in light of the eurozone's ongoing recession, with President Mario Draghi for the first time saying they will remain there "for an extended period of time."

Stocks surged after each statement.

Britain's FTSE 100 index jumped 3.1 percent to close at 6,421.67 while Ger-

many's DAX rose 2.1 percent to 7,994.31. France's CAC 40 gained 2.9 percent to 3,809.31.

The central bank statements contributed to strong declines in the euro and British pound against the dollar. Looser monetary policies tend to weaken

can be found elsewhere. The euro fell 0.7 percent to \$1.2916, while the British pound fell 1.4 percent to \$1.5066.

Financial shares were among the strongest gainers, with Royal Bank of Scotland PLC stock rising 5.1 percent, Barclays PLC

confirmed that interest rates will be kept at current record lows or even further lowered in order to inject more liquidity into struggling eurozone nations," said Spreadex trader Shavaz Dhalla in a note on markets.

However, "there is still the

Hang Seng index was the strongest gainer, rising 1.6 percent to 20,468.67. China's Shanghai Composite rose 0.6 percent to 2,006.10.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 bucked the trend, slipping 0.3 percent to 14,018.93, despite remarks from Bank of Ja-



People walk by an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo. World stocks shrugged off worries over political turmoil in Egypt and rallied strongly Thursday on optimism that easy monetary policy from central banks in Europe is set to continue for some time to come.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

a currency as low interest rates mean lower returns on investments and more attractive opportunities

up 4.7 percent and HSBC PLC up 4.6 percent.

"Global markets stormed ahead today as...Draghi

concern that volumes are thin today owing to the U.S. market being closed."

Earlier in Asia, Hong Kong's

pan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda that the country's economy is headed for recovery. □

Filings:

US legislators reap benefits of part-time jobs at law firms

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Some of the most influential members of the state Legislature earn large paychecks from part-time jobs with law firms, according to financial disclosure filings released Wednesday under a new state ethics law that requires legislators to reveal their outside income.

In one of the most notable revelations, the disclosure filing of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver showed that he earned between \$350,000 and \$450,000 last year in his part-time job at a Manhattan personal injury law firm, Weitz & Luxenberg.

The outside income of leg-

islators had previously been redacted from their filings before they were made available for public inspection. But the new ethics law required them to reveal their income within a limited range without redactions, and the filings were posted online by the state's Joint Commission on Public Ethics on Wednesday.

Part-time jobs held by sitting legislators have long been a source of concern to government watchdog groups, who have worried about lawmakers profiting from their elected office through law firms or other jobs whose duties are often nebulous.

The disclosure requirement was passed in 2011 as part of a broader ethics over-

haul, but it did not immediately take effect, giving lawmakers time to prepare their finances for public view. Still, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, who championed the ethics law, on Wednesday described the new filings as offering New York voters "unprecedented disclosure" about their elected officials. "I believe it's going to go a long way toward making people feel more comfortable about their government, because they're going to have more information," Cuomo said. (Filings for the governor and other statewide elected officials were released in May, but were less illuminating because those officials typically allow reporters to examine their tax

returns.)

Silver, a Manhattan Democrat who has been speaker since 1994, has long been known to work at Weitz & Luxenberg, though his actual job and pay have long been shrouded in mystery. His filing said that his job consisted of "general practice of law with emphasis on representation of individual clients and personal injury actions," and his title is counsel. He reported an ample fortune on his new filing, including 2012 income of at least \$763,000 and potentially more than \$1.1 million, including his legislative salary of \$121,000.

Silver also has an investment portfolio that was worth between \$778,000 and \$2 million at the end of last year,

according to his filing, and included blue chips like Oracle and Disney. Silver also holds between \$1.775 million and \$2.27 million in deferred compensation plans and trusts. Much of his income last year came from securities sales. He also had an outstanding loan of at least \$500,000 that he extended to Counsel Financial, a company to which he has lent money before that helps finance small law firms that specialize in personal injury lawsuits. Silver and his wife also earned interest income of at least \$100,000 last year from Counsel.

Silver was one of a number of lawmakers who earned outside income practicing law. □

Data suggests US immigrants rank higher as entrepreneurs

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One of the vital economic arguments underpinning the immigration overhaul is that immigrants create jobs - not only because they spend money, but because they tend to be unusually entrepreneurial and innovative and so create job opportunities for the people around them.

Think of Silicon Valley figures like Sergey Brin, Andrew Grove and Vinod Khosla - or the designer Liz Claiborne. The bill that passed the Senate last week even included special provisions, under Subtitle H, for what is being called a "startup visa," to be granted to people who start companies that meet certain venture capital, hiring and revenue requirements.

So is it true that immigrants are unusually entrepreneurial? The data available suggest that yes, immigrants are overrepresented among America's business founders and innovators.

According to a Small Business Administration-commissioned report in 2012 by Robert W. Fairlie, an economics professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, the business ownership rate is higher for immigrants than for the native-born, with 10.5 percent of the immigrant workforce owning a business compared with 9.3 percent of the native-born work force. Those numbers refer to ownership of existing businesses; immigrants are also more likely to start a business in any given month. In 2010, the business formation rate per month among immigrants was 0.62 percent, meaning that of every 100,000 non-business-owning immigrants, 620 started a business each month. The comparable rate for nonimmigrants was 0.28 percent (or 280 out of every of 100,000 non-business-owning adults). The gap in business formation between immigrants and nonimmigrants has been growing recently, too.

Higher business formation rates among the foreign-born may be driven by ne-

cessity, especially when the economy is bad.

"Because of limited job opportunities in the Great Recession there appears to be an even greater response of starting businesses among immigrants than among nonimmigrants, which may have to do with lower-skilled workers having more difficulty in finding jobs," Fairlie writes.

Immigrant-owned businesses tend to be smaller, with an average of \$435,000 in annual sales and receipts, compared with \$609,000 for native-owned companies.

As for job creation, companies owned by immigrants are slightly more likely to hire employees than are non-immigrant-owned companies, though they tend to take on fewer employees on average in the cases when they do hire. Among immigrant-owned businesses with employees, there are an average of eight employees and an average payroll totaling \$253,000.

Native-owned companies that have employees hire an average of 11.9 staff members, with an average payroll of \$429,000. The share of companies that export their goods and services is also higher for immigrant-owned than for native-owned businesses (7.1 percent versus 4.4 percent). This might be because immigrants have business networks within their home countries, but it is hard to know from the data. Immigrants' entrepreneurship rates are especially high in the engineering and technology sector. About a quarter of engineering and technology companies founded between 2006 and 2012 had at least one founder who was born abroad, according to a 2012 Kauffman Foundation study. In Silicon Valley, the share was 43.9 percent. Indian-born immigrants are most highly represented among entrepreneurs in the engineering and technology sector; of all immigrant-founded companies in the Kauffman Foundation study, a third had Indian founders, up from 7 percent in 2005. □

Corporate Mergers: First half of 2013 was slowest in 4 years

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A long-awaited rebound in mergers is taking its time to arrive. But for all the hand-wringing by bankers and lawyers, the business of arranging deals has not quite disappeared yet.

Despite a strong start that yielded four blockbuster transactions in one week, the first half of 2013 was

according to data from Thomson Reuters.

The number of deals announced worldwide for the first six months was 16,808, the fewest for the period since 2003.

The slack pace has confounded many advisers, who continue to see an abundance of the traditional building blocks of a merger boom.

Swaine & Moore. "All year, buyers have been willing to pull the trigger only if their deal, on a scale of one to 10, is a nine or a 10."

The price of borrowing money remains near historical lows, giving corporate buyers and private equity firms alike relatively low costs for acquisitions. And the stock markets - which historically track closely to the mergers market - rose rapidly for much of the first half.

Some of the biggest deals of the last several years arose during the first half, including Dell's proposed \$24.4 billion sale to its founder; H.J. Heinz's planned \$23 billion takeover by Berkshire Hathaway and 3G Capital; and Thermo Fisher Scientific's \$13.6 billion purchase of Life Technologies.

In some ways, however, the factors that should be helping build a merger boom may instead be limiting it.

At the same time, recent gyrations in the markets and concerns that the Federal Reserve may begin pulling back on its economic stimulus have left buyers and sellers - many of whom still bear scars from the fall of 2008 - unsure of whether now is the time to strike a deal. □



A U.S. Airways jet passes an American Airlines jet at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix. The merger of the two airlines has given birth to a mega-airline with more passengers than any other in the world. Despite a strong start that yielded four blockbuster transactions in one week, the first half of 2013 was the slowest first six months for mergers in four years.

(AP Photo/Matt York)

the slowest first six months for mergers in four years. Deals worth about \$996.8 billion were announced in that period, a sum that was down 13 percent compared with a year earlier,

"We're seeing buyers and sellers talk about deals, only to see them die in the marketplace," said Scott A. Barshay, the head of the corporate department at the law firm Cravath,

Amid probe:

Nestle cuts China infant formula prices

BEIJING (AP) — Nestle SA says it will cut infant formula prices in China by an average of 11 percent starting Monday in response to an investigation into alleged price-fixing by several foreign companies.

The price cuts by the company's Wyeth Nutrition unit will be maintained through 2014, and the prices of some products will be cut by up to 20 percent, Nestle spokesman Jonathan Dong said in an email Thursday.

China's National Development and Reform Commission is investigating five foreign companies and one Chinese company for

allegedly violating market competition laws by manipulating retailers to sell infant formula at inflated prices.

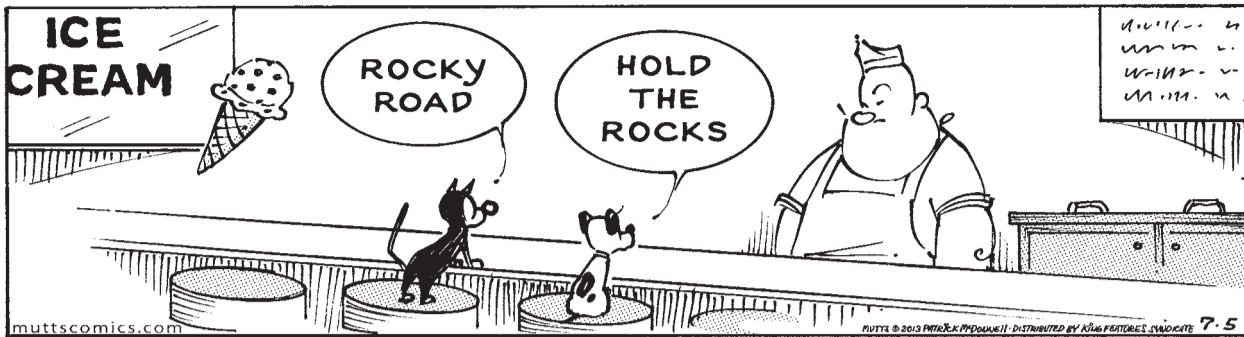
Chinese demand for foreign milk formula has risen in the wake of scandals that have left many parents wary about domestically produced infant formula. In 2004, fake Chinese milk powder caused malnutrition deaths in at least a dozen babies. That was followed by a melamine-tainted milk scandal in 2008 that killed at least six babies and sickened nearly 300,000 others.

"We are still buying imported baby formula even if it is

more expensive, because we don't dare take the local Chinese brands," one father, Wang Guoliang, said Thursday. "It would be terrible if the baby has a problem because of the bad quality of the milk," added the 36-year-old, who works in the construction business.

China has not alleged direct collusion among the companies in setting prices, which is known as horizontal price-fixing and which can be difficult to prove. This investigation has focused only on prices suppliers set for retailers, known as vertical price-fixing. □

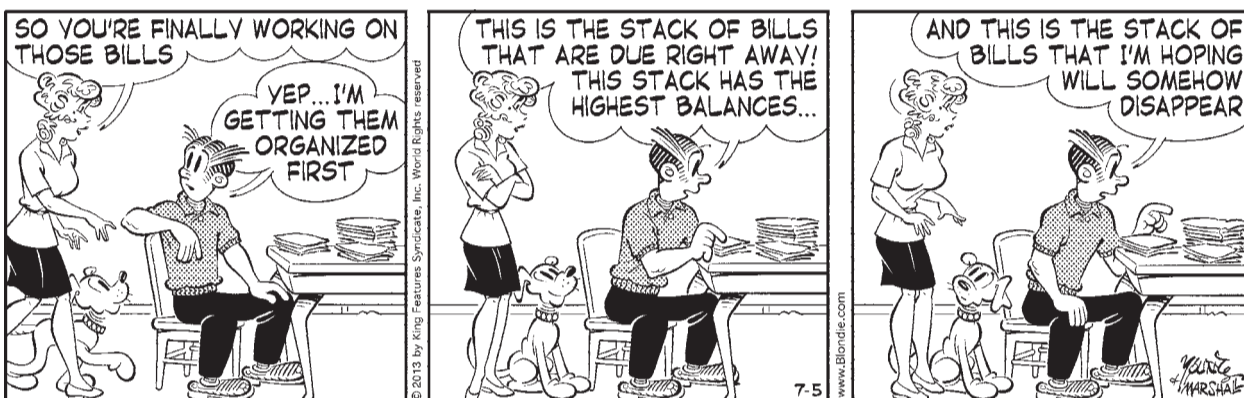
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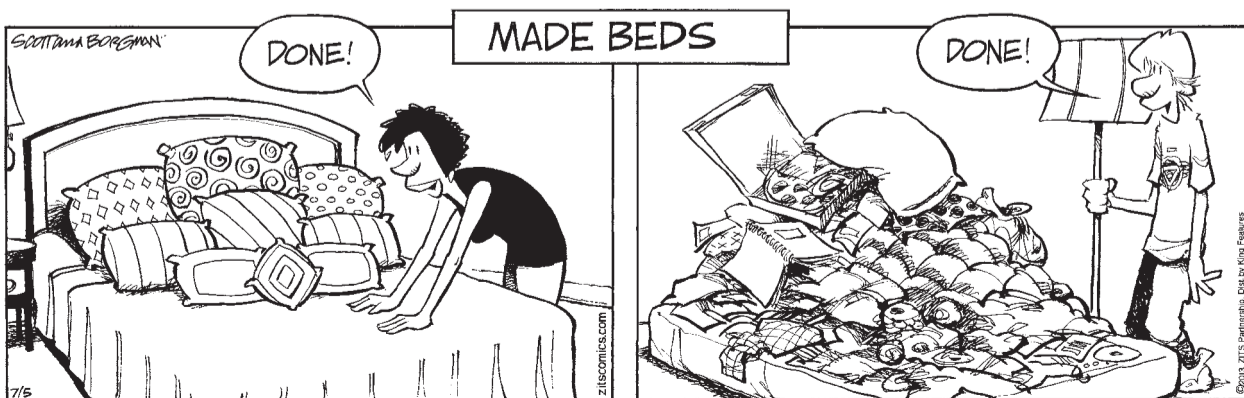
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Bold and tactless
- 6 Rosary piece
- 10 Is required to
- 14 Like April weather, often
- 15 Crooked
- 16 Very interested in
- 17 Bearing weapons
- 18 Sharp; shrewd
- 19 Large flat-bottomed boat
- 20 Battlefield AWOL
- 22 Bring into harmony
- 24 Sudden attack
- 25 More intelligent
- 26 "The apple ___ fall far from the tree"
- 29 Verizon store purchase
- 30 Not ___ longer; no more
- 31 Mid-afternoon
- 33 Very talkative
- 37 Thing; object
- 39 Sea duck with soft down
- 41 Story
- 42 Ice cream parlor drinks
- 44 Rue & Gilbert
- 46 Olive Oyl's hairstyle
- 47 Inn
- 49 Indiana hoopsters
- 51 Worker
- 54 Paper towel brand
- 55 Bigger
- 56 Gritty residue
- 60 ___ code; phone number's start
- 61 Irritate
- 63 At no time
- 64 Cry of pain
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- 67 Actor Griffith
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 5 Fire ___ hose hookup
- 6 Used the oven
- 7 Jug
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- 10 Abuse
- 11 Still whole
- 12 Pebble
- 13 Pisa's tourist attraction
- 21 Donate to one's church
- 23 Orangey drink
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- 27 Aware of the duplicity of
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- 32 Stair piece
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- 35 Make indistinct

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- 36 Strong desires
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- 40 Fast
- 43 As ___ as a boil
- 45 Moneys put aside
- 48 Great fear
- 50 Polaroid, e.g.
- 51 Peruvian beast
- 52 Burr or Spelling
- 53 Pita or rye
- 54 Swerves
- 56 Downhill glider
- 57 12/24 & 12/31
- 58 Holey fabrics
- 59 Waiter's item
- 62 TV's "___ Got a Secret"

In battle against HIV, using Facebook and twitter

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NEW YORK - The online banter was too steamy to ignore.

Gregory Johnson, a soft-spoken young man using the screen name "Adonis," talked up sex to several hundred of his closest Facebook friends this

dia to educate gay and bisexual men about the risks of contracting HIV and AIDS.

The project, called "theSEXword," recruited seven men and one woman who is transgender to build an online forum for sharing safe-sex messages with people who would never

cases were among men who reported having sex with men.

"The objective was to reach this hard-to-reach population and do it in an efficient way," said Dr. Viraj V. Patel, a doctor at Montefiore, who oversaw the project with Dr. David W. Lounsbury, a medical researcher at Einstein. Montefiore currently treats about 5,500 people with HIV in outpatient programs, for a total of more than 15,500 people since 1997.

The doctors turned to Sage Rivera, 31, a community leader, who tapped people for the project with connections to different crowds, from recent immigrants to those dabbling in subcultures like Goth and graffiti. The group of eight, called peer leaders, range in age from 15 to 27 and have varied backgrounds and interests. □



Gregory Johnson, center, looks for videos and information about HIV awareness during a meeting in New York. Johnson is part of an online campaign, called "theSEXword," part of a health project in the Bronx, which seeks to harness social media to educate gay and bisexual men about the risks of contracting H.I.V. and AIDS.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

spring. Once he had their attention, he sent a racy snapshot of two square wrappers tucked into his underwear along with a plea: Why not use a condom?

It was only a matter of time before the social media that keeps friends and family connected and amused was pressed into public service. Just as anti-smoking ads have come to saturate the airwaves, a flurry of personalized messages promoting HIV testing and protected sex have popped up on thousands of smartphones, iPads and laptops in recent months. The online campaign is the work of an unusual health project in the Bronx, which seeks to harness social me-

both to pick up a brochure. It was funded with \$25,000 from the Center for AIDS Research, a joint program of Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

"It's one on one; it's directly to them," said Kamari Perkins, 22, one of the eight cybermessagingers. "They're more receptive to someone they know than someone they don't."

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Revolutionary solar-powered plane to end US journey

WASHINGTON (AP) — A revolutionary solar-powered plane is about to end a slow, symbolic journey across America by quietly buzzing the Statue of Liberty and landing in a city whose buildings often obscure the sun.

The Solar Impulse leaves from Washington on a journey planned for Saturday, depending on the weather. It will take hours for the journey — top speed is 45 mph (73 kph) — and there are none of the most basic comforts of flying.

The aircraft's creators view themselves as green pioneers — promoting lighter materials, solar-powered batteries and conservation as sexy and adventurous. Theirs is the high-flying equivalent of the Tesla electric sports car. They want people to feel a thrill while saving the planet.

Bertrand Piccard is one of the two pilots who take turns flying Solar Impulse. His grandfather was the first man to see the curve of the Earth as a pioneering high-altitude balloon flier more than 80 years ago. His father more than half a century ago first took a submarine to the deepest and most inaccessible

ocean trench on Earth. Now, Piccard says there's no truly new place on Earth for explorers to pioneer. At 55, he's tried.

"After a conquest of the planet, the 21st Century should be about improving the quality of life," Piccard said.

Europe saw Solar Impulse first with a test flight from Switzerland and Spain to Morocco last year. This year's U.S. flight is another trial run that's preparation for a 2015 around-the-world trip with an upgraded version of the plane.

"We're flying the most extraordinary airplane in the world," Piccard said.

Parts of its wings are three times lighter than paper. Its one-person cockpit is beyond tiny.

Most of the 11,000 solar cells are on the super-long wings that seem to stretch as far as a jumbo jet's. It weighs about the size of a small car, and soars at 30,000 feet (10,000 meters) with what is essentially the power of a small motorized scooter.

"We can use much less energy than we use today without the sacrifice," said Solar Impulse CEO Andre

Borschberg, the plane's other pilot. "And that's really important."

Borschberg and Piccard both say this is not about clean-energy planes for the future. What they're doing is more likely to im-

prove energy efficiency on the ground, in cars and homes, agrees U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, who met with the pair to talk up future energy a couple days after they landed in Washington.

Still, questions of practicality come up.

"It's clearly a stunt," said John Reilly, co-director of MIT's Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change. "And it's clearly an attention-grab-



Andre Borschberg, one of two pilots of the Solar Impulse plane is interviewed at Washington Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, Va. The spindly no-fuel plane called Solar Impulse is scheduled to leave Washington Saturday early in the morning and arrive after midnight at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

bing stunt. The idea that you could fly an airplane powered by the sun is kind of hard to believe. So doing it is an impressive stunt, I suppose."

But these kinds of gimmicks do pay off at times, Reilly

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Ocean satellite dies after 11½-year mission

PASADENA, California (AP) — Jason-1, a satellite that for more than a decade precisely tracked rising sea levels across a vast sweep of ocean and helped forecasters make better weather and climate predictions, has ended its useful life after circling the globe more than 53,500 times, NASA announced this week.

The joint U.S. and French satellite was decommissioned this week after its last remaining transmitter failed, according to a NASA statement.

Launched on Dec. 7, 2001, Jason-1 was designed to have a lifespan of three to five years but it lasted for 11½ years.

Every 10 days, its instruments scanned the ocean surface, mapping sea lev-

el, wind speed and wave height for more than 95 percent of the planet's ice-free ocean area. It

cord of sea-level changes, NASA said.

"Jason-1 has been a resounding scientific, techni-



This undated artist's rendering shows the Jason-1 satellite. NASA announced this week that it has decommissioned Jason-1, but it will remain in a graveyard orbit for about 1,000 years before falling back to Earth.

(AP Photos/NASA, JPL)

was one of three oceanographic satellites that contributed to a 20-year re-

cal and international success," said John Grunsfeld, associate administrator of

NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

Since its launch, Jason-1 recorded a rise of nearly 1.6 inches in global sea levels that are "a critical measure of climate change and a direct result of global warming," Grunsfeld said in a statement. "The Jason satellite series provides the most accurate measure of this impact, which is felt all over the globe."

Last year, the 1,100-pound (500-kilogram) satellite was moved into a final "graveyard" orbit where, its extra fuel depleted, it was assigned to observe Earth's gravity field over the ocean, NASA said.

A 406-day scan completed on June 17 led to the discovery of many underwater seamounts and increased knowledge of the

depth of the ocean floor, researchers said.

"Even from its 'graveyard' orbit, Jason-1 continued to make unprecedented new observations of the Earth's gravity field, with precise measurements right till the end," said Jean-Yves Le Gall, president of France's Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales in Paris.

Contact with the satellite was lost on June 21 and efforts to re-establish it failed. On Monday, the satellite was ordered to turn off its attitude control systems. Jason-1 will slowly turn away from the sun and its solar-powered batteries will drain within the next 90 days, NASA said.

Jason-1 will remain in orbit for at least 1,000 years before it falls back into Earth's atmosphere, NASA said. □

Film Review:

'The Look of Love': A keenly observed period piece

STEPHEN HOLDEN

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Has any movie about swinging London been less glamorous than "The Look of Love," Michael Winterbottom's fictionalized biography of Paul Raymond (Steve Coogan), the notorious British impresario of erotica? Nicknamed "the King of Soho," Raymond, who died in 2008 at 82, built an empire based on strip clubs, soft-core pornography and prime real estate. His girlie revues and publications like *Men Only*, *Escort* and *Club International* helped drag puritanical British culture out of the Dark Ages.

The film, written by Matt Greenhalgh, aspires to be a much more modest British answer to "Citizen Kane," especially in its portrait of a mogul as failed star-maker. The star who was not to be was Raymond's beloved daughter, Debbie (Imogen Poots), an effervescent show business hopeful around whom he created a follies-style entertainment, "Royalty

Revue," billed as the most expensive production of its type ever mounted. Debbie kept her clothes on, while the other women in the cast took theirs off.

Her thin, eager voice singing the Burt Bacharach-Hal David hit "The Look of Love" is as colorless as that of Charles Foster Kane's second wife, Susan Alexander, whom Kane pushed to be an opera star, singing an aria from the fictional "Salammbô," in "Citizen Kane." Winterbottom's movie implies that Debbie's public humiliation when the show flopped exacerbated a self-destructive streak that culminated in a fatal drug overdose at the age of 36. After Debbie's death in 1992, her formerly gregarious father became a recluse.

Had "The Look of Love" focused more acutely on the father-daughter relationship or explored Raymond's relationships with his two sons, only one of whom appears briefly, it might have amounted to something more substan-



Chris Addison, Imogen Poots and Steve Coogan in the 2013 film "The Look of Love." In the movie, Coogan plays Paul Raymond, a British tycoon who built his empire on strip clubs, soft-core pornography and real estate.

(IFC Films via The New York Times)

tial than a keenly observed period piece that keeps a celebrity journalist's distance from its subject. As it stands, "The Look of Love" is a well-acted profile of a tycoon who dressed nattily and affected an elevated air that suggested a slightly bogus hybrid of Jeremy

Irons and David Frost.

If the movie is to be trusted, Paul Raymond, who was born poor in Liverpool, ultimately lacked the vision of his American counterpart, Hugh Hefner. As an impresario, he never transcended his status as a low-brow purveyor of music hall

entertainments featuring topless showgirls. One of his earliest ventures was a mind-reading act; another combined lion taming and nudity. "The Look of Love," which begins in black and white and changes to color, portrays him as a garden-variety swinger whose marriage to Jean (Anna Friel), from his lion-taming act, ends when she loses patience with his promiscuity. Ditto for his more playful, fun-loving seven-year relationship with Fiona Richmond (Tamsin Egerton), who wrote a racy column for "Men Only."

The movie doesn't make any of this seem particularly attractive or even especially sexy. On the soundtrack mambo music gives way to Bacharach and Donovan and later to Soft Cell. Visually it plays out as a dispassionate fusion of television interview and magazine spread.

"The Look of Love" demythologizes its subject to the extent that any envy you might initially feel quickly drains away. Its nudity and sex feel stale and humdrum. The difference between the erotic mystique of *Playboy* and that of its London equivalents is the difference between Marilyn Monroe and Diana Dors. □

Professor discovers new use for laser in art world

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Associated Press

DURHAM, North Carolina

(AP) — A U.S. professor who developed a laser to study melanoma has discovered a new use for it: uncovering what's underneath artwork without damaging the pieces. Dr. Warren S. Warren was at the National Gallery in London, looking at an exhibit on art forgeries, when he realized that the art world used imaging technologies that were 30 or 40 years old.

So he began investigating whether lasers could be used to safely uncover the mysteries underneath layers of paint. So far, the answer is a qualified yes. Warren and others in Duke University's Center for Molecular and Biomedical Imaging, which he leads, have found they can use Warren's pump-probe laser to create three-dimensional cross-sections of art

that let researchers see colors and layers and maybe, at some point, discover the source of materials.

"It's showing some real

in Washington, D.C. Delaney, who researches how to adapt noninvasive analytical imaging methods to help identify and map art-



A laser is redirected through a prism in the process of examining art with pump-probe lasers at Duke University in Durham, N.C. The North Carolina Museum of Art is working with Duke University's Center for Molecular and Biomolecular Imaging using pump-probe lasers to clean and examine art.

(AP Photo/Gerry Broome)

promise, and that's exciting," said John Delaney, senior imaging scientist in the conservation division of the National Gallery of Art

ists' materials, has seen the laser system at work.

The N.C. Museum of Art's 14th-century "Crucifixion" by Puccio Capanna was

the first painting to get a pump-probe laser exam. It revealed a thick layer of lapis lazuli over Madonna's mantle, said William Brown, the museum's chief conservator. Typically, that blue is achieved with a layer of the less expensive azurite, covered with a thin layer of lapis, which was more expensive than gold at the time, he said.

"This tells us it was a really important painting," said Brown, adding that it could be part of an altarpiece at the Vatican.

Typically, an art conservationist uses a scalpel to remove tiny samples from a painting to learn more about both the painting and the materials used. That method damages the painting and is limited in where a conservationist can nick at the paint — corners and background, for example, and but not faces. □

Paris:

Gaultier claws back on top, Valentino dazzles

THOMAS ADAMSON

AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — "It's all cinema, it's all from film," said Jean Paul Gaultier, summing up haute couture. Paris' enfant terrible seemed to have a point, speaking on the last day of fall-winter shows that have seen spectators transported from apocalyptic opera houses to the circus and flung across the four corners of the globe. Gaultier's feline-infused couture collection - mid-week's highlight - took for inspiration Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini and "The Pink Panther."

The references merged with theatrical panache to produce once of his best shows in seasons.

But the cinema continued throughout Wednesday. In Valentino's encyclopedic show, continents and eras were merged and had Baz Luhrmann in delight.

"Haute couture, like cinema, is unreal. It's theatre - a romantic aspiration that's more beautiful, more extraordinary than reality," said the burlesque "Moulin Rouge" director who sat on the coveted front row.

JEAN PAUL GAULTIER

With a delicious purr, Gaultier pounced back into top form with a feisty couture collection, proving that despite a couple of off seasons, he still has a lot of tricks up his embroidered sleeve.

This fall-winter's muse was the female panther, which inspired a slew of fresh ideas, including plenty of new ways to wear leopard and how to dress in feathers to look like a cat.

If it sounds eccentric, it was.

Leopard print featured cheekily on tights below one stylish all-black crepe dress, and there were several incredible couture coats. At first glance they looked like fur but were made entirely of feathers, speckled like a big cat pelt and with white feathers at the edges to resemble skin.

Gaultier, ever the showman, ensured the wackiness infused the show's presentation as well.

Forty-three looks filed by to the infectious theme of "The Pink Panther," showcased on models who

flair with a new silhouette produced by dramatic 1980s-style ice-cream cone-shaped chaps.

It was fresh and engaging, and it seemed to say one of the big cats of Paris is back.

"Enchanting, encyclopedic couture," the program notes promised revelers.

When the first tight gown swept by with the image of orange rhinoceros on 3-D bed of myriad earth brown lacing, apparently

with Scottish herringbone tweeds and Renaissance capes were thrown into the creative cauldron. This appeared alongside embroideries of lion's heads, bees, beetles and dragonflies, often to luxurious effect. That's not to say all the looks worked. Some were too austere, and on the more elaborate silhouettes the patterning at times came across as busy.

VIKTOR & ROLF

Returning to the couture stage after a 13-year hiatus, Viktor Horsting and Rolf Snoeren used a raked Japanese garden as the vehicle for their shadowy, minimalist creations.

In an unusual presentation, the Dutch design duo meditated back-to-back in the lotus position before the collection showcased the 20 black, architectural creations. (Twenty represented the amount of years they've been in the fashion industry.)

Sluggishly from the backstage darkness, the dresses appeared in stiff technical silk with Oriental, almost organic silhouettes. They cut some beautiful and contemplative shapes.

The models then dropped to the floor one by one and the designers molded the dresses with their hands into various abstract forms. It produced a striking visual landscape: An interlocking mound of black with model piled upon model in several heaps of black fabric.

ELIE SAAB

Lebanese designer Elie Saab unabashedly celebrated the glitz of the red carpet in a couture show which used the exact color the A-listers tread.

The first series of sweeping embroidered silk gowns brushed the red-colored catwalk as they filed by, merging with it in a "trompe l'oeil" effect. It could be said that Saab - famed for dressing royalty and celebrities for the red carpet - is finally embracing the color that made his name. □



A model wears the wedding gown for Jean-Paul Gaultier's Haute Couture Fall-Winter 2013-2014 collection in Paris.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

clawed as they walked. Guests looked on from stalls divided into lionesses, panthers, lynx and leopards. Sometimes they applauded, sometimes they simply laughed.

But aside from all the fun, there was some serious couture at work here. Inspired by clown costumes, Gaultier showed

VALENTINO

As guests arrived at Valentino's show, they glanced inquisitively at the zebra heads and gold-rimmed fisheye mirrors mounted on the walls of the "Hotel de Rothschild," transforming the 19th century mansion into a vintage-style cabinet of curiosities.

inspired by a painting of Elizabeth I, it was clear the show would follow through on the promise.

Designers Maria Grazia Chiuri and Pierpaolo Piccioli, in the process, seemed to have pulled off their most eccentric and imaginative show to date. Oriental motifs and arabesque patterns fused

Mandela And Obama



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Gathering valedictory material on Nelson Mandela as he faded in a Pretoria hospital the other day, I came across a little book called "Mandela's Way." In this 2010 volume, Rick Stengel, the ghostwriter of Mandela's autobiography, set out to extract "lessons on life, love and courage" he had learned from three years of immersion in Mandela's life.

Stengel, who is the managing editor of Time magazine, could not resist comparing his hero to another tall, serene, hope-bearing son of Africa: Barack Obama.

"Obama's self-discipline, his willingness to listen and to share credit, his inclusion of his rivals in his administration, and his belief that people want things explained, all seem like a 21-century version of Mandela's values and persona," he wrote. "Whatever Mandela may or may not think of the new American president, Obama is in many ways his true successor on the world stage." A bit much, yes? Well, Stengel was hardly alone back then in awarding the U.S. president a stature he had scarcely begun to earn. The Nobel Committee, which had awarded its peace prize to Mandela for ending the obscenity of apartheid, bestowed that honor on Obama merely for not being George W. Bush.

Different men, different countries, different times. Perhaps even Mandela - who was more successful liberating South Africa than governing it - could not have lived up to the inflated expectations heaped on Obama. But it is interesting to imagine how Obama's presidency might be different if he had in fact done it Mandela's way.

Mandela, in his time on the political stage, was a man of almost ascetic self-discipline. But he also understood how to deploy his moral authority in grand theatrical gestures. Facing capital charges of trying to overthrow the state in the Rivonia Trial, he entered the formal Pretoria courtroom dressed in a traditional Xhosa leopard-skin cape to dramatize that he was an African entering a white man's jurisdiction. And then he essentially confessed to the crime.

In 1995, Mandela, newly elected president of a still deeply divided country, single-handedly turned the Rugby World Cup - the whitest sporting event in South Africa, long the target of anti-apartheid boycotts - into a

festival of interracial harmony. He was, in short, the opposite of "no drama."

Obama's sense of political theater peaked at his first inaugural. He rarely deploys the stirring reality that he is the first black man to hold the office. As my New York Times colleague Peter Baker notes, "Obama's burden as he sees it, different from Mandela's, is to make the fact that he's black be a nonissue. Only then will his breakthrough be truly meaningful." Still, I think Mandela would have sought a way to make a more exciting civic bond out of the pride so many Americans felt in this milestone. Mandela understood that politics is not mainly a cerebral sport. It is a business of charm and flattery and symbolic gestures and eager listening and little favors. It is above all a business of empathy. To help win over the Afrikaners, he learned their Dutch dialect and let them keep their national anthem. For John Boehner, he'd have learned golf and become a merlot drinker. "You don't address their brains," Mandela advised his colleagues, and would surely advise Obama. "You address their hearts."

Mandela was a consummate negotiator. Once he got you to the bargaining table, he was not going to leave empty-handed. He was an expert at deducing how far each side could go. He was patient. He was opportunistic, using every crisis to good effect. He understood that half the battle was convincing your own side that a concession could be a victory. And he was willing to take a risk. I don't envy Obama's having to deal with intransigent Republicans or his own demanding base, but Mandela bargained with Afrikaner militants, Zulu nationalists and the white government that had imprisoned him for 27 years. By comparison, the Tea Party is, well, a tea party.

Mandela usually seemed to be having the time of his life. Perhaps this is because (sadly for his family) the movement was his life. He shook every hand as if he were discovering a new friend and maintained a twinkle in his eye that said: This is fun. We've had joyful presidents - Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan. Obama more often seems to regard the job as an ordeal.

Mandela, above all, had a clear sense of his core principles: freedom, equality, the rule of law. He changed tactics, shifted alliances (one day the Communist Party, another day the business oligarchs) but never lost sight of the ultimate goal. In fairness to Obama, Mandela had a cause of surpassing moral clarity. The U.S. president is rarely blessed with problems so, literally, black and white. And if Obama leaves behind universal health care and immigration reform - two initiatives that have consistently defeated previous presidents - that will be no small legacy. But tell me, do you have a clear sense of what moral purpose drives our president? □



The War On The Unemployed



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Is life too easy for the unemployed? You may not think so, and I certainly don't think so. But that, remarkably, is what many and perhaps most Republicans believe. And they're acting on that belief: There's a nationwide movement underway to punish the unemployed, based on the proposition that we can cure unemployment by making the jobless even more miserable. Consider, for example, the case of North Carolina. The state was hit hard by the Great Recession, and its unemployment rate, at 8.8 percent, is among the highest in the nation, higher than in long-suffering California or Michigan. As is the case everywhere, many of the jobless have been out of work for six months or more, thanks to a national environment in which there are three times as many people seeking work as there are job openings. Nonetheless, the state's government has just sharply cut aid to the unemployed. In fact, the Republicans controlling that government were so eager to cut off aid that they didn't just reduce the duration of benefits; they also reduced the average weekly benefit, making the state ineligible for about \$700 million in federal aid to the long-term unemployed.

It's quite a spectacle, but North Carolina isn't alone: A number of states have cut unemployment benefits, although none at the price of losing federal

aid. And at the national level, Congress has been allowing extended benefits introduced during the economic crisis to expire, even though long-term unemployment remains at historic highs.

So what's going on here? Is it just cruelty? Well, the GOP, which believes that 47 percent of Americans are "takers" mooching off the job creators, which in many states is denying health care to the poor simply to spite President Barack Obama, isn't exactly overflowing with compassion. But the war on the unemployed isn't motivated solely by cruelty; rather, it's a case of meanspiritedness converging with bad economic analysis.

In general, modern conservatives believe that our national character is being sapped by social programs that, in the memorable words of Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, "turn the safety net into a hammock that lulls able-bodied people to lives of dependency and complacency." More specifically, they believe that unemployment insurance encourages jobless workers to stay unemployed, rather than taking available jobs.

Is there anything to this belief? The average unemployment benefit in North Carolina is \$299 a week, pre-tax; some hammock. So anyone who imagines that unemployed workers are deliberately choosing to live a life of leisure has no idea what the experience of unemployment, and especially long-term unemployment, is really like. Still, there is some evidence that unemployment benefits make workers a bit more choosy in their job search. When the economy is booming, this extra choosiness may raise the "non-accelerating-inflation" unemployment rate - the unemployment rate at which inflation starts to rise, inducing the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates and choke off economic expansion.

All of this is, however, irrelevant to our current situation, in which inflation is not a concern and the Fed's problem is that it can't get interest rates low enough. While cutting unemployment benefits will make the unemployed even more desperate, it will do nothing to create more jobs - which means that even if some of those currently unemployed do manage to find work, they will do so only by taking jobs away from those currently employed.

But wait - what about supply and demand? Won't making the unemployed desperate put downward pressure on wages? And won't lower labor costs encourage job growth? No - that's a fallacy of composition. Cutting one worker's wage may help save his or her job by making that worker cheaper than competing workers; but cutting everyone's wages just reduces everyone's income - and it worsens the burden of debt, which is one of the main forces holding the economy back.

Oh, and let's not forget that cutting benefits to the unemployed, many of whom are living hand-to-mouth, will lead to lower overall spending - again, worsening the economic situation, and destroying more jobs. The move to slash unemployment benefits, then, is counterproductive as well as cruel; it will swell the ranks of the unemployed even as it makes their lives ever more miserable.

Can anything be done to reverse this policy wrong turn? The people out to punish the unemployed won't be dissuaded by rational argument; they know what they know, and no amount of evidence will change their views. My sense, however, is that the war on the unemployed has been making so much progress in part because it has been flying under the radar, with too many people unaware of what's going on. Well, now you know. And you should be angry. □

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NEW YORK - On an evening in June, guests from the worlds of art, fashion and film were mingling at the airy TriBeCa loft of Lela Rose, the designer. In the crowd was actress and singer Mandy Moore, clad in a sleek dress designed by Rose and carrying a silver Givenchy clutch purse. This wasn't a fundraiser for a political candidate or a meeting about the neighborhood, but a chance for Rose to introduce her friend Gregg Renfrew's new company, Beautycounter.com - which sells a line of environmentally minded cosmetics using the model of Avon and Mary Kay (minus the pink Cadillacs) - to a well-connected set that included Selby Drummond, an accessories editor at Vogue, and Margaret Spencer, the chief operating officer of Plum TV, the lifestyle network.

Scattered around the party were unassuming white packages with pink labels, all avowing their absence of known carcinogens, hormone disruptors and other current beauty-industry boogeymen.

"I'm a little scared to know everything, but I definitely want to be more conscious," Moore said.

Socially and medically responsible grooming products have become a rallying cause for stars like Moore and actress Jessica Alba, who started her own line, the Honest Company, after becoming a mother. Now Renfrew, 45, is betting they can also be a way for women to make a living for themselves, while raising awareness about potentially harmful ingredients.

"The idea that people can build a business selling products they care about and believe in is a win-win situation for all," she said. Renfrew started the company after seeing the Al Gore documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," upon the urging of Rose. "It made me connect the dots between the health of the Earth and human

beings," Renfrew said in a speech to guests explaining how she subsequently measured her life and consumption habits against the Environmental Working Group's Skin Deep Index.

She could find household cleaning products that were sustainable, she said, "but there was a real void in the beauty industry."

Whole Foods might beg to differ. But Renfrew's website does offer a glossy, feminine look unusual for the category. The site was

of consultants, many of whom give "socials" like the one at Rose's loft to introduce the product in a convivial setting, like the Tupperware parties of yore.

"We want to meet our clients wherever they want to shop with us," Renfrew said. "Women have had great success in the mornings after they drop off the kids or doing it over breakfast."

She said that Beautycounter.com already

dition to personal websites set up by Beautycounter.

"Women share information and products with each other all the time," Renfrew said. "It's time for women to be able to monetize this and their social networks." (Beautycounter also benefits: Consultants work on commission, currently 25 percent of sales.)

Renfrew employs a staff of 16 from offices in Santa Monica, Calif., including Christy Coleman, vice president for creative de-

(found in hair-straightening serums), the United States still permits.

"We're hoping to create a situation where people don't need to read our labels because we're telling you the truth and trying to make you an informed consumer," Renfrew said. "We believe we have the strictest ingredient selection process in the country."

While all this scrutiny doesn't come cheap, prices are comparable to lines



From left: Lela Rose, Mandy Moore and Stephanie Eolin at a party promoting cosmetics by Beautycounter in New York. The company sells makeup with a pitch of environmental purity and an approach similar to Avon's. (Erin Baiano/The New York Times)

started in March with Ben Fischman, the founder of the flash-sales site Rue La La, and Candice Kislack, a former executive at Toms shoes, among others, and named, she said, in part for the double entendre of going "counter" to the rest of the beauty industry. "There are many brands sold in a very earthy way, struggling to be all-natural and organic," Renfrew said, "but I wanted that stylish, high-fashion feel."

Though anyone can buy products from the site, the business focuses on memberships nurtured by Beautycounter's network

had 2,500 clients and 600 consultants in more than 40 states.

Stephanie Eolin, 42, a consultant based in Westport, Mass., said Beautycounter.com had yielded better dividends for her than when she worked for the Swiss-developed cosmetics company Arbonne, which uses a similar profit model. "My income in the past three months has exceeded the one of the company which I had built over the past 6 1/2 years," she said. Consultants are encouraged to promote the products on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, in ad-

sign and a makeup artist whose clients include Connie Britton and Emmy Rossum. With the Environmental Working Group, the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics and Healthy Child Healthy World, the team has created a "Never List" of ingredients posted on its site detailing what they will not use in any of their products, like parabens. Among the shunned ingredients are 1,300 that the European Union has either banned or restricted, many of which, like benzalkonium chloride (found in mass-market hand sanitizers) and lithium hydroxide

like Fresh and Bobbi Brown, starting at \$18. The entire 14-product line is available as a package for \$455.

"I always hated the message that if you can't afford to buy the organic raspberries, that's not acceptable," said Renfrew, who is planning to release a children's line at the end of the summer and color makeup beginning in 2014. She acknowledged that her own mirror still reflects compromise. "I'm not preaching perfection," Renfrew said. "I still love to wear nail polish even though I know it's not perfectly healthy." □